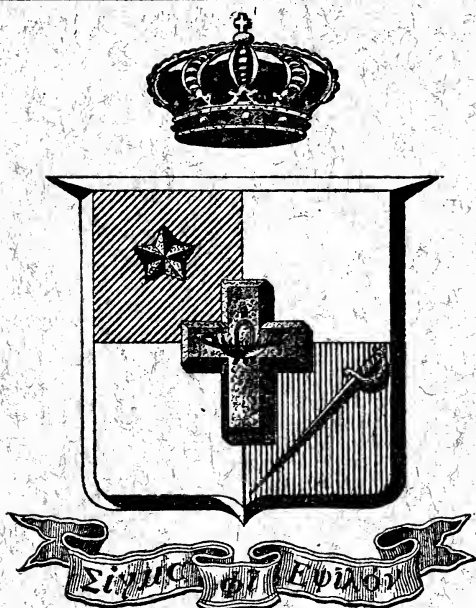




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THE FRATERNITY PUBLICATIONS BANQUET.

[The JOURNAL Editor was unable to attend the banquet in New York City given for the Editors and Business Managers of Fraternity publications, and our proxy at this function was Brother George J. Thompson, Pa. Delta, '09, who has written the following article for publication.—THE EDITOR.]

'Twas the night after Thanksgiving Day, of the year nineteen hundred thirteen, and of the days of the month the twenty-eighth, that the scribes of the Greek world might have been seen wending their divers ways to the academy of the evening, the Salamagundi Club, No. 14 West 12th Street, New York City, there to greet contemporaries at the congenial board of the Fourth Annual Fraternity Publications Banquet.

The setting for the gathering could not have been more happily chosen than in the home of this historic old New York club. Founded by the first American man of letters, Washington Irving, so the tale is told, it has been the home and meeting place of generations of America's foremost artists and literary men.

The present club house is a fine old brownstone mansion with great high ceiling rooms, yet everywhere pervades an air of homelike comfort and hospitality quite unknown in the homes of the modern clubs of the metropolis.

The banquet was served in what is termed "The Red Room," for such it was in former days, and thus it still lives in the fond recollections of the members, though at present the predominant color is dark green. About the walls of this room are many beautiful paintings—the initiation gifts of artist members, and even the doors are panelled with paintings in oil.

To the right of the table, as the guests entered, was a great fireplace tiled around in white, and the tiles, too, were pictured. During

the course of the evening our host, an old-time member of the club, told us the story of the pictured fireplace. After a jolly club dinner, one winter's night several years ago, the fellows gathered before the fireplace, and some one suggested that each artist take a tile, or a series of tiles, and sketch thereon a picture from out the vagaries of his imagination. This was done, and the club had the sketches burnt into the tiles, resulting in a most unique and pleasing decoration.

The table was set in a great square, in the center of which was an oblong well of water filled with a luxuriant mass of tropical vegetation, while scattered amid the dark green foliage were little electric lights, red, white and blue, producing a most charming effect.

Such the scene of the fourth gathering of the journalists of the Greeks. Not a chair was vacant, and as I looked upon this group of earnest, thoughtful men, many of them well advanced into middle life, there came to me a fuller realization of the magnitude, and the tremendous power and influence of the American college fraternity movement. Through the kindness of Brother Fred. A. Price, Editor-in-chief of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Journal, who was unable to attend the banquet, I had been honored with this opportunity of representing the thousands of wearers of the heart, not only between the two oceans, but the world over; and beside me sat the representatives, nay, leaders, of many other college brotherhoods like our own, for at this board were assembled the spokesmen of this great movement, and in their hands in no small measure will lie its future. Wonderful, indeed, the privileges, and weighty the responsibilities that are ours as fraternity men!

At the banquet board were gathered representatives of the publications of Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Teta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Theta Chi.

Delta Upsilon was not represented owing to the inability of Mr. Hill, editor of the Quarterly, to be present, but a letter of regrets and good wishes received from him was read.

The banquet was not unlike a chapter meeting, for the speaking was entirely informal, and the spirit of good fellowship and earnest

endeavor to work together, without thought of favor or reward, for the fullest realization of the idealism of the young manhood of America, as symbolized in the college fraternity movement, was the characteristic feature of the evening.

The most interesting discussion of the evening from the viewpoint of the lay brothers was that on the subject of "How to avert the threatened danger of legislation hostile to college fraternities?" As several members of the committee, which had been appointed by the Inter-Fraternity Conference of 1912 to investigate the subject were present, the discussion was most thorough, and it was agreed that upon the fraternity publications, as the mouthpieces of their respective bodies rested a triple responsibility:

1st. That of portraying to the public the high ideals of the fraternity movement, and the good work that the fraternities are accomplishing.

2nd. That of bringing home to every fraternity man a realization of his duty to his fraternity to so live that no criticism can justly be aimed at it by reason of his conduct.

3rd. That of promoting a spirit of harmony and co-operation between the various fraternities for mutual upliftment and protection.

This discussion also brought out the fact that the investigators have found that the antagonism toward college fraternities is not so much the work of the envious barbarian as that of the man in the fraternity whose sons, relatives or friends have failed of election to a chapter of his fraternity to which he has recommended them, and this is especially true if the offending chapter happens to be his own undergraduate chapter—then, as oft it is with loves jilted, he would destroy that which but lately he most loved.

The representatives of the various fraternity publications vigorously commended the early establishment of local inter-fraternity conferences in each college as the best method of developing the inter-fraternity spirit, and agreed to devote much space in their respective journals during the coming year to the accomplishment of this object.

In every way the Fraternity Publications "Banquet" was a marked success, and particularly in the number of fraternity leaders of

nation-wide reputation present. There were Mr. W. W. Trimpe, Sigma Chi, President of the Inter-Fraternity Conference; Mr. W. Raymond Baird, Beta Theta Pi, the man who knows more about college fraternities than any other man living; Mr. Banta, Phi Delta Theta, publisher of many fraternity magazines; Mr. James Hawes, editor of the Quarterly of Delta Kappa Epsilon; Mr. Sears, the Chicago newspaper man who has entered the fraternity publication field as the editor of the Alpha Tau Omega Palm; Professor Kind, Delta Tau Delta, who has done excellent service for the inter-fraternity movement as a member of the committee on hostile legislation; and many others whom space will not permit me to mention.

Every fraternity that enjoyed the privilege of being represented at this delightful banquet is under deep obligation to Mr. Frank Rogers, editor of The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, and Mr. Charles Brown, of the Beta Theta Pi staff, for their untiring efforts to make the occasion the splendid success that it was, the former for providing the hospitality of the evening, and the latter for perfecting the arrangements which brought us together.

We brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon can well be proud of the position of honor and esteem which our beloved fraternity has won in the Inter-fraternity world. May the future find each brother ever cherishing, ever guarding this high prestige!

GEORGE JARVIS THOMPSON.

Pennsylvania Delta, 1909.

FRATERNITY LIFE.

(An effort to vividly portray chapter life is to be the work of this department of the Journal. Each chapter is expected to furnish information along the lines indicated. The following issues will contain more material of this nature than does the present one.—CONTRIBUTING EDITOR.)

OUR PECULIARITIES—VIRGINIA ETA.

It is with modesty that we attempt to speak of our peculiarities, for whereas we may be the most peculiar bunch that was ever bucked

by the sacred goat, we think we are unusually commonplace. However, we do have a few local customs that may interest the brothers.

Our high officer is the "Bory," regardless of what the ritual may call him. Just at present "Bory" Triplett is upholding all the old traditions.

We never give parties or smokers; they are always "soirees," and right nice parties they are, if we do say it ourselves, combining, as they do, all the virtues of the smoker, the social call, and the keg party.

J. W. HARRIS.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON—ACTIVITIES.

Here at Lehigh, due to strong competition among the fraternities, men are pledged during their first year in college, and consequently our busiest pledging time is during the first few weeks of the college year.

We have just recently innovated the new idea of having our annual fraternity banquet on the evening following the Lafayette game. Having the banquet at that time permits all the alumnæ who come back for the game to take in the banquet also.

Outside of this, I don't think that we have any traditions, for the simple reason that here at Lehigh we are the youngest chapter of them all.

One thing I regret to say, and that is that our social functions here at the house are very lax, due to the atmosphere which pervades a technical school, in that very little time can be spared for social doings.

Fraternally,

JEWELL S. CLARK.

OHIO GAMMA—HISTORICAL SETTING.

The strength of a nation lies in its history. Not the record of remarkable achievements and notable wars, not the luminous careers of dashing heroes and illustrious men, but rather the plain revelation of that country's habits, customs and traditions.

Neither Julius nor Augustus Caesar prevented Rome's eventual

fall, Alexander did not keep his empire from dissolution, William the Conqueror did not Normanize England and Napoleon did not decide the destiny of France. It was not that the Caesars were not without personal power that Rome fell, it was not the weakness of Alexander that caused that great empire to disintegrate, it was not that William failed to attempt the Normanization of England, nor was it Napoleon's fault that France is today a republic bounded by its present limits. But careful study reveals to us the decisive power of the people working through their customs and traditions. Rome fell because her people forgot the customs of her fathers and wasted their days in luxurious living. Greece declined through practically the same cause. Anglo-Saxons prevailed in England because the ancient customs and traditions were so impressed, that all the Norman influence combined, could not alter them. The wonderful hopes of Bonaparte were shattered by the people who acted from the stimulus of their ancient rites and customs.

From this slight review of history, we may easily infer that strength does lie in the people of the nation, controlled by their rites, customs and traditions. It is then safe to go yet a step further and conclude that the strength of every organization lies in the same elements. Hence, it becomes obvious that we must derive some practical application from all this. Let us, therefore, resolve to make the history of our fraternity one of strength, by establishing customs and traditions that will more than offset the distracting influences of opposing forces and perpetuate the principles of the fraternity.

An application of these ideas has taken place at Ohio Gamma in a more or less marked degree. It has become customary to honor each successive set of pledges with an informal dance. We have yearly practiced the habit of holding a Halloween House Party, at which affair is always graced by the presence of the fair sex. Initiation is always followed by a Dinner-Banquet at which function the newly initiated brothers are guests of honor. In past years we have, at various times, had an hour each week called Fraternity Hour, which occasions were informal gatherings devoted to singing and "talk-fests" of by-gone days.

In mannerisms, our men are always required to "dress" for din-

ner at six. At the evening meal the head of the chapter assumes the right to call upon any one at the table to offer "Thanks." Freshmen and other pledges are expected to do the menial duties around the house which do not fall directly to the lot of the hired help.

EARL HUFFER.

KANSAS ALPHA CUSTOMS.

Considering the fact that during the latter part of this school year, Kansas Alpha will celebrate her tenth anniversary as a fraternity in Baker, it will not be surprising to the fraternity at large to know that this chapter has certain traditions or customs that are generally observed from year to year.

There are a few customs about the house which might be worthy of mention: authority to keep order at all times is given to one of the brothers known as the House Manager, whose duty is to enforce a set of house rules agreed upon by the fraternity at the beginning of each school year. Any brother not observing these regulations is subject to a fine levied against the offender by the house manager. During any meal any brother may be fined five cents by the Censor for a lack of table manners or for the use of slang or for any other reason thought by the Censor to be justifiable. These things may appear to be trivial matters but are strongly advocated by the chapter after a thorough trial. There are no beds on the first or second floors of the fraternity house, the chapter observing the custom of dormitory sleeping in the one large third floor room.

A monthly letter, called the "Alumni letter" is sent to each member of the chapter not in school. An annual pledge banquet has become an important yearly event. This banquet is held on a date named by the University as the day when freshmen can be pledged. The freshmen invited to be present are those voted acceptable for membership to the chapter. If a freshman accepts the invitation to be present it is generally supposed that he will accept the invitation for pledging, for at this banquet, the final toast is a formal invitation for membership to each freshman individually. Before initiation the freshman pledges must go to school for one day uniformly dressed, wearing knee pants and stockings, black shoes, dark suit and white cap. They

must also pass a fraternity examination above 95 per cent before they can be initiated. Some freshmen have taken this examination as many as three times to obtain this grade.

Two of the chapters social functions are annual events and are a Barbecue in the fall and a house party given in the spring. The fall function is one of particular interest, it being somewhat of a novelty for college students to barbecue meat. The fraternity, with its guests, go in picnic style to a grove some three miles distant and all have a most enjoyable day. The spring function, a formal party, is given in the chapter house. Of course many other social features are in the calendar of the fraternity for the year but are not considered annual events.

The last and most important event looked forward to by both active and alumni, is the Annual Spring Alumni "Stag" Banquet, only fraternity members attending. This affair is held on the first of June. The tenth one will be given next June. The long list of loyal alumni of Kansas Alpha begin making their plans in September to attend this event in June and a most generous attendance is given the alumni "Stag." Last year more than fifty brothers graced the tables with their presence. A downtown lodge hall is rented for the affair and the whole night is given over to the event. In the early morning "Good-Bye" is said as school has closed, active gives the alumnus the fraternity grip, and the "Grad" feels a renewed enthusiasm and interest and vows that he will never miss one of these annual events.

F. A. PRICE.

NEBRASKA ALPHA—MOTHER'S DAY.

Every man owes his mother more than he can ever repay and it is the duty of every man to do all that he can to show the respect and love that he bears for his mother. So all over the United States one day is set aside as Mother's Day. On this day we wear a flower in reverence for our own mothers as well as in reverence for every mother in the land.

One of the ways in which we can show our respect and love is by taking our mothers to meet the men with whom we come in touch every day, and so it is that the men at Nebraska Alpha have made the

national Mother's Day a day for the mothers to meet the men their sons associate with while they are in college. This day ranks in importance with Commencement Day and every man looks forward with pleasure to the day when his mother shall have the privilege of meeting the fellows with whom he associates as well as the other mothers present.

At the first fraternity Mother's Day there were only a few present and most of these were mothers of the men who lived here in town, but the next year nearly all of the mothers and many of the fathers were present. A program was arranged, made up of music and talks by the different fellows after which a general get together was started. Every man made it a point to see that his mother met every other mother and father present. When time came to go each left the house feeling that the boys in Sigma Phi Epsilon are the best to be found in the land.

This year we plan to make Mother's Day a home-coming day for our alumni and we hope to have not only the mothers and fathers present but also wives and future Sig Eps. Although Mother's Day does not come until late in the spring plans are already being worked out and a grand program and a general day of remembrance and reverence is promised.

In closing I might say that the fellows at Nebraska feel that no movement has ever been started here that has done so much to bring the parents in closer touch with their sons' associates than the fraternity Mother's Day.

BURKE W. TAYLOR.

AT CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

California Alpha on account of being a somewhat new chapter has not very many traditions and customs as yet, but there are a few which might be of interest. Perhaps the most important is the tubbing of a freshman if he is at all obstreperous or unruly. An occasional one for good luck will sometimes help to make a man out of a freshman. This act is merely that of ordering a man to disrobe and allow himself to be placed in a tub full of cold water. Although he should never struggle he invariably does. "Cinch" notices which

show deficient college work has as a punishment a tubbing to a frosh. Again no freshman is allowed to go out on any night preceding a college day. This is strictly enforced. The use of a pipe and cap by a frosh is prohibited.

On account of so many of the brothers living in other places our house is closed over Christmas but Thanksgiving is invariably celebrated by a feed, and as good a one as can be had. This year a large roast pig was sacrificed. Banquets are held often to men who have distinguished themselves in some college line. We also have a dinner at the house before any of the college dances to which the fellows bring their partners or wives as the case may be.

One of the growing customs in our chapter as well as other fraternities on the campus is waiting until a man is ready to enter college before pledging him. We find it is a bad idea to pledge men while in high school, and fraternities at California have agreed to abolish it.

No gambling is permitted in the house. This is one thing that is strictly adhered to, as there is nothing which would break up a fraternity so quick.

After meetings we find it is a good idea to hold an informal upper classmen's gathering. Things for the general welfare of the fraternity are here discussed in an informal and friendly way and it is surprising to notice how fine this meeting is and how much is accomplished. Freshmen and sophomores are debarred from this meeting. Sometimes instead of this we invite some sorority over for a social gathering and social dance. This seems to put everyone in a good humor.

Piano playing and other noise is confined to special hours. At noon from 12 to 1 and evening from 4:30 to 7:30. Men who wish to study find it hard to do so if there is a noise of some kind being made.

Cards are indulged in a great deal, the fellows playing bridge or plain Whist. Hearts are always made Trumps.

H. W. MORTON.

WASHINGTON ALPHA—UNDERCLASS REGULATIONS.

Several days before the beginning of the college year, as many of the old men as possible return to the chapter house to put it in shape for the opening of rushing season. No distinction is made at this time between upper and lower classmen. All turn in and work equally long and hard to clean up the house inside and out. Trains are met and prospective pledges are singled out with the aid of telegrams received from alumni or by other recognition. Underclassmen are appointed to keep in constant touch with these men, to aid them in registering and 'learning the ropes,' and to help them find rooms and entertainment. As a rule the upper classmen do the actual pledging. But why go over the usual pledging methods which are familiar to all of us. It is merely a matter of sticking to the men you want until you get them or lose them.

After the first excitement is over and college is fairly started, the various fraternities and sororities aid their new pledges in getting acquainted by giving informal dances and card parties. Our annual fall program has been to give a house dance at which each sorority is represented, a smoker for all the fraternities, and to give our pledges the use of the house for a dance or smoker as they see fit. This year we added a smoker for our members and pledges alone. It proved very successful in that the old men became better acquainted with the new.

Our pledges form a house organization known as the "Bubblers" which meets during the regular weekly meetings of the fraternity. Members of chapter are excluded except when necessary to organize them at the beginning of the year. It has been customary for this body to present the fraternity with some gift. Following the close of the regular meetings, all pledges are invited in to take part in talks for the good of the fraternity, to learn what is expected of them, and to receive any penalties inflicted upon them for breach of house rules. Pledges and members living outside of the house are requested to be present at Sunday dinners and are allowed to invite lady friends on specified dates.

The underclassmen do all the general housework and are under the supervision of the house manager. A delicate leather strap about

three feet in length and four inches in breadth aids to increase the desire to perform the desired work. Record cards of the subjects carried and the grades received for each quarter are kept for the freshmen and sophomores. Those failing to maintain a certain standard of scholarship are required to stay in the house on all study nights during the following quarter. The house rules thoroughly cover everything of consequence and are posted on the bulletin board for the benefit of the new men. Here also are placed any items of general interest or importance. The freshmen are required to build fires, run errands for the house, and, if necessary for the upper classmen. Prior to initiation each freshman is sent to a sorority house to wait on table. We usually give the "rough stuff" Saturday night and close the initiation the following Sunday morning.

Visiting brothers and alumni sign their name and chapter on a skull kept on the mantel of the fireplace. This also acts as a receptacle for money derived from various sources about the house. For instance, the losers in a card game place a small amount in the skull. The proceeds are used for articles needed in the living room, such as flowers, literature, etc.

During the holidays the 'left overs' give a house dance and dinner parties to the other lonesome ones in town.

We have discussed giving a prize to the freshman having the best grades for the first semester but as yet no definite action has been taken. This plan has worked successfully in several other fraternities here.

Upper classmen preside at the heads of the dining room tables and freshmen aid them in serving. A training table is kept during the entire year for all men engaged in athletics.

Consideration has been given to the idea of each member living in the house at the close of the school year to deposit one dollar with the treasurer to guarantee his cleaning his room thoroughly before leaving for the summer. It is thought that this will reduce the burden of cleaning up in the fall.

IRVING W. HOWE.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—PLEDGES.

As yet Michigan Alpha is young, but she has a few customs that may be worthy of mention.

During the week before initiation our pledges have certain duties to perform or observances to make. They tip their hats to us whenever and wherever we meet them. They maintain absolute silence except when spoken to, and then they have a few prepared words to utter. While in the house they walk up all stairs backwards. They are not allowed to bathe in any matter whatsoever.

We have a regularly appointed committee of three who see to it that freshmen obey the following rules.

1. Freshmen shall wear upon all occasions their insignia (caps or toques) except by special permission from the chairman of the committee.

2. Freshmen shall at all times answer the telephone.

3. With the exception of Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings freshmen must remain in the house unless they obtain permission from the committee to do otherwise.

4. Freshmen must do such manual labor as the committee may order from time to time.

5. Freshmen must participate in their class contests.

6. Freshmen must carefully observe the House Rules regarding the frequenting of saloons and similar places.

7. The fraternity songs, "The Yellow and Blue," and "Varsity" must be learned by November 1st.

Each fall before initiations we have a party for pledges, at which the sophomores do all the entertaining. This is the only occasion upon which freshmen receive such attentions.

We attempt to make a practical application of the "big brother idea." Upper classmen generally room with freshmen, and do such things as are needed to aid and advise them in their work. We acquaint first year men with all campus activities, and induce them to partake in as many of them as seems advisable. At regularly intervals we get reports from the faculty regarding the scholarship of all underclassmen.

No underclassman is allowed to wear a jeweled pin. The price of his plain pin is included in the initiation fee.

At the time of pledging the pledge is required to make a deposit of five dollars to be applied on his initiation fee.

If a rushee does not accept his bid within three weeks after it has been extended a new vote is required before he can be pledged.

Each evening as the dinner draws to a close we sing college songs. When the meal is over we stand and sing a fraternity song, after which those at the underclass table remain standing while the upper-classmen pass from the dining room.

Social activities are an important feature of our life. We have two formal parties each year, one in March at the time of the Michigan Union Opera, and one during commencement week. We also have four or five informal dances at the house during the year, one of which comes at the time of our big football game

LEON D. METZGER.

IOWA ALPHA—SOCIAL CUSTOMS.

Although Iowa Alpha has not had time in the two years of its history to build up customs which may be regarded as "traditions," we are endeavoring to formulate certain observances that we hope will aid in giving an air of individuality to our chapter as time goes on.

Owing to local conditions the only holiday we celebrate is Hallo-we'en,—Thanksgiving being the occasion of an elaborate banquet of the entire college and returning alumni, which is a big event at Wesleyan, and Christmas coming during a two weeks vacation. Our Hal-lo-we'en festival this year was in charge of the pledges and consisted of a masquerade. The motley procession marched from the ladies' dormitory to the chapter house, where after a short time they proceeded to the attic and unmasked. The decorations were complimentary to the season and its accompanying superstitions, corn, pumpkins, witches kettles, autumn leaves, and a keg of cider on tap. Refreshments were served from the second floor in cafeteria style. This is an innovation at Wesleyan and, judging from the popularity with which it was received, one that will be likely to remain with us. We have

one other regular social function, which is a banquet near commencement.

Aside from the social, we are endeavoring to make life within the chapter one of complete brotherhood. Last year we had a series of bi-monthly dinners at the chapter house and expect to begin them again soon. We also have a ten-piece orchestra composed of members who are musically inclined.

Ever since our organization we have had an officer known as the faculty councillor whose duties; aside from being mediator between the fraternity and the college, are to collect the grades of the fraternity once each month. We endeavor by this method to keep members and pledges alike from lowering the standard of scholarship which we hope Iowa Alpha will always stand for. Another feature in this connection which we are just beginning is the formation of a library. Each member or pledge is required to pay a library fee of twenty-five cents a semester, to be used in buying books. As our membership is usually about twenty this will give us ten dollars a year, and in time we should accumulate a large and valuable library.

Shortly after the rushing season we hold a pledge ceremony in which the pledges are brought before the fraternity in regular meeting and certain members, who have been previously appointed, discuss various ideals and phases of college life for which the chapter stands. The pledges are admonished that upon them the present reputation and future welfare of the fraternity largely depends, and that fraternity membership involves duties and obligations as well as privileges. At this time the pledges are assigned proctors from the two upper classes. The ceremony is very formal in its tone and has proved quite successful as a means toward getting the new pledges properly adjusted to the environment of the fraternity. All pledges are required to pass an examination in matters relating to the general fraternity before initiation.

LAIRD HAGIE.

THE CHICAGO GREEK LETTER CONFERENCE.

By D. E. W. WENSTRAND.

(From Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.)

" O Greeks! respect your fame
Respect yourselves, and learn an honest shame:
Let mutual reverence mutual warmth inspire,
And catch from breast to breast the noble fire."

—*Iliad, Book XV, . . . , Pope's Translation.*

College fraternities have been called upon in the past to fight for their existence. They have lived, have grown and have prospered, they have made a place for themselves in American colleges which enables them to bring profit and good fellowship to thousands of future students as they have to innumerable men and women in days gone by.

Their ideals are high and their faults few. These faults, or let us call them errors of youthful judgment, must and will be corrected, as far as possible, by the earnest workers who devote many years of their lives to the good of their respective orders.

Individually the Greek Letter societies are rivals and vie with one another in many ways, but collectively they all stand for the same ideas of comradeship, clean living and scholarship. When a common foe arises to endanger their existence, not only in one school, but in many, it is right and fitting that a combined effort should be made to meet this emergency.

Realizing that the opposition to the fraternity system is based largely on a misconception and has little foundation in real faults, an educational campaign is the proper solution. This means the education, not only of the public in general, but also of the members of the societies themselves. To the people in general they must show what they are and what they stand for; in a word, that their members are not banded together because they think they are a privileged

class, but that they have followed only a natural, social instinct in forming these societies. Their members also must learn that it is so, and endeavor by their words and actions to demonstrate the truth thereof.

These are some of the reasons why representatives of fifty-five Greek Letter organizations met at the Blackstone hotel in Chicago for a conference. Sororities, general fraternities and professional fraternities of all kinds sent delegates. The meeting was called by the Executive Council of Delta Upsilon for the purpose of discussing and considering how best to combat such opposition to fraternities as has arisen in State legislatures, in the governing bodies of colleges and in the minds of people in general. Almost without exception each society was represented by one or two of its national officers. The assembly was entirely a voluntary one, and I believe I am safe in saying that the majority of those present came without instructions. This led to a great deal of interesting discourse, which it was a privilege to hear. Most of the men and women present had had years of experience in fraternity work, so that it was a body particularly fitted to take up the questions under consideration.

It would be impossible to give, in a short article, anything but the briefest and most generalized account of what was said and done to bring about the final results of the convention. Those who wish these details may secure a copy of the minutes from the Secretary-Treasurer of The College Fraternity Reference Bureau. As is natural, there was no doubt much needless talk, and some bickering over minor points, but, on the whole, the general tone showed high idealism and the main sentiment expressed by all speakers may be summarized in the one word *Education*. The declaration adopted gives the sum and substance in a nutshell.

Of all the addresses, I shall mention only one, that of Mr. Ralph W. Jackman, Delta Upsilon, who led the fraternity forces against the Anti-fraternity bill which was introduced this year by a member of the Wisconsin State Legislature. Mr. Jackman showed what led up to its introduction—the so-called Commoners Club of the University of Wisconsin, and how well organized its backers were, in that they were able to have the bill called for a hearing before the proper legis-

lative committee with a minimum amount of delay and publicity. It was only by accident that the fraternities discovered the time of the hearing, on the morning of the very day when this hearing took place. He told of the difficulties encountered when it became necessary to secure definite data to answer certain allegations made by the "Antis." On this account, he urged a Fraternity Reference Bureau, where such facts may be compiled and filed for future use. This refers particularly to anti-fraternity actions taken by various State legislatures and by college authorities throughout the land.

To close my own impressions of this remarkable gathering, let me quote from a letter recently received from our own honored brother, M. William C. Levere, and also append the resolutions adopted and the names of those elected to the National Executive Committee:

"The fact that it was the first time that the national fraternities and national sororities, together with the professional societies, had met in a united gathering intent on defending their rights to existence, makes the Chicago Convention a very notable one in the history of college fraternities. You will be interested to know that since the convention, the Committee of Ten has met and organized. It was decided that for the present the Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Committee should do the work of the secretary of the Bureau; but I am only in charge of this phase of the work temporarily. Later, after we get well started, a permanent secretary will be installed. In the meantime we are organizing the Bureau and getting things in good shape, so that it may be of use to all the Greek world along the lines indicated by the Chicago meeting."

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

*We, the Greek-Letter Societies of America, in Convention Assembled,
do Make the Following Declaration:*

Whereas, we believe that the people of our country are not familiar with the true purposes and ideals of our societies and with the actual conditions among the same;

Now, therefore, we represented in convention at the city of Chicago by officers and delegates of our said societies do declare—

That it is our earnest wish and desire to inculcate in our various chapters or local societies, the principles of true womanhood and manhood; to promote the moral welfare of all our members, to stimulate and encourage scholarship; to prescribe obedience to all authority; to encourage loyalty to and active interest in the institution where they may be located; to foster a democratic and friendly spirit between our members and all others with whom they may be associated and to inspire among our members a true, loyal and lasting friendship;

And we do further declare, that to those ends we have, through our officers and councils, dedicated ourselves in the past and do pledge ourselves for the future; that where we fail we will remedy, and where we succeed, such shall be to us only an incentive to better endeavor.

And we do further declare that our association together in such societies is in fulfillment of the natural desire of all people to seek friendship among one another, and that we consider our members not as elected to any privileges, but rather as pledges and dedicated to a life of striving for the perfection of our ideals.

And we do further declare that we welcome all sincere criticism of our conduct and lives, and do pledge ourselves to take counsel upon the same and to remedy all things wherein we may fall short of these our ideals and principles.

And, remembering our long and prosperous existence, our opportunities and hopes for the future, our thousands of great and true members now in the service of the world, the thousands of young men and women now in our brotherly care, and the service of many good and noble men and women given to the perfecting of these ideals.

We do pledge ourselves to promote these things in all ways and to continue our efforts to that end.

HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES.

The Committee on Resolutions, through Mr. Trimpe, Sigma Chi, reported as follows:

Be it further resolved, that the representatives of the fifty-odd fraternities and sororities here assembled declare their opposition to High School Fraternities and Sororities and express the hope that their organizations will soon legislate against the initiation of members of High School Organizations.

PUBLICITY BUREAU.

The work of the Greek Letter Convention culminated in the adoption of the following resolutions which cover its plans and efforts for the future:

WHEREAS, there has recently been threatened legislation, hostile to fraternities in some States, and anti-fraternity action by faculties in some American colleges and universities;

And WHEREAS, there is need for combined action on the part of the fraternities to combat the enactment of such hostile laws and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, action looking to this end ought to be initiated in the shortest, quickest and most effective way;

Therefore, *Be it resolved*, by the representatives of the fifty-five fraternities represented at this conference, that there be established as soon as practicable a Bureau of Information at Chicago, Illinois, to be maintained by inter-collegiate fraternities of the United States, to be known as The College Fraternity Bureau.

It shall be the duty of this Bureau:

(a) To collect and maintain a reference library containing all accessible data concerning fraternities, with reference to pending or threatened anti-fraternity action by legislatures or faculties.

(b) To furnish such data to the local organizations of various universities and colleges as these organizations may find such data necessary.

(c) To conduct in such manner as may seem best, a campaign of publicity calculated to disseminate knowledge concerning fraternities among the American people, and, particularly in those States where the fraternities have been, or are likely to be, attacked, that will tend to explain fairly the aims and purposes of fraternities and to eradi-

cate and overcome false statements and impressions.

Such Bureau shall be managed and controlled by an Executive Committee of ten members, of whom not less than three shall be members of sororities and at least one of whom shall be a member of a professional fraternity. Such Executive Committee shall be selected in such manner as this conference shall determine.

The adoption of this report shall not obligate or bind any fraternity in any manner whatsoever to support said Bureau, but if this report is adopted by a majority vote, the roll of fraternities represented shall be called, and those whose delegates are authorized to do so, may pledge themselves to support such Bureau and to pay their proportionate cost thereof. Those delegates who are not authorized to act for their respective fraternities are urged to place the matter before their fraternities to the end that such fraternities shall take definite action upon the matter as soon as practicable.

In case this resolution shall be adopted, all inter-collegiate fraternities not here represented, including all professional inter-collegiate fraternities, shall be advised of the action taken and cordially invited to co-operate in the maintenance of said Bureau.

THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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John Calvin Hanna, Beta Theta Pi.....Oak Park, Ill.

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Mrs. P. R. Kolbe, Kappa Kappa Gamma.....Akron, Ohio.

AN ALUMNUS MAKING GOOD.

On our desk this month lies "The Clef" which is the largest Middle-West Musical publication known to us. This magazine is edited in St. Louis and published in Kansas City. In looking over its pages we were attracted by an article very complimentary to Paul H. Lawless, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and the composer of a number of our fraternity songs used by all of our chapters. We herewith re-



PAUL H. LAWLESS

produce the article taken from "The Clef" and accompany it with a photograph of Brother Lawless:

"The first week in November was a notable one, musically, at the Independence Avenue Methodist Church, Kansas City, when the 25th anniversary was celebrated. The soloist and choirmaster, Paul H. Lawless, gave four musical programs during the week which were noteworthy, even for this church, which has always maintained a high musical standard.

Mr. Lawless was assisted by two of his pupils, Miss Millicent Steacy, Soprano, and Mr. Hugh Wright, Baritone. He also had the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Miller, Mr. W. A. Parker, and Mr. E. K. Chafee. The accompanists were Miss Grace Kirlin and Mr. Archibald Gould, the church organist.

The programs contained some splendid numbers, those receiving the most hearty reception being the Aria "He is Kind" from "Herodrade," Massenet, by Miss Steacy, the Quartette from "Persian Garden" Lehman, Miss Steacy, Mrs. Miller, Messrs. Miller and Lawless, and Sextette from "Lucia" by Miss Steacy, Mrs. Miller, Messrs. Parker, Wright, Miller and Lawless.

Mr. Lawless is fast making a reputation as a Tenor of exceptional ability and fine voice. He is a native of Kansas; a former student of Baker University where he was assistant vocal instructor for one year. He studied in Berlin under Maestro Emmerich and Frances McClennan, leading Tenor of the Royal Opera House. While a large portion of his work was in German *Leider* and *Oratorio*, he gave much attention to Opera and was repeatedly urged to enter this field. His studies in America were chiefly under R. G. McCutchan for four years, now Director of DePaw (Ind.) University Conservatory of Music, and Herman DeVries, with whom he coached for a season. Prior to coming to Kansas City, Mr. Lawless was for three years head of the voice department of Stephens College, Columbia, and director of the University of Missouri Glee Club. His most important appearance in Kansas City was with the Symphony Orchestra last fall.

Mr. Lawless is located at 419 Studio Building, Kansas City, and is doing a very large business in private teaching."

HOSTILITY TO FRATERNITIES, ITS CAUSE, ITS CURE.

(The following toast was given by Amy Olgen Parmelee, National President of $\Delta \Delta V$, at the Pan-Hellenic luncheon in Evanston, Ill., October 18, attended by 469 representatives of the eighteen N. P. C. fraternities.)

The present opposition to fraternities is only a very recent crystallization of much sporadic criticism, dating back to that early anti-secret, anti-Masonic agitation which resulted in the first of all Greek letter fraternities, the Phi Beta Kappa, revealing its secrets. Opposition is of two kinds, opposition without our ranks, and opposition even within our ranks. A great deal of the outside opposition must be credited to the old-time and even present day initiations of the class societies of Harvard and Yale and elsewhere where the class secret society. The public fails to discriminate between the collegiate fraternity and its parasite, the High School fraternity. Please note that Harvard and Yale and Princeton, where the class societies flourish, are veritable graveyards of fraternities. But we can waste no sympathy upon our brothers; we have need of it for ourselves. When the adverse decision was rendered at Barnard, straightway came a demand for a similar investigation at Goucher. If that investigation results in an unfavorable report, there is little doubt but that the class secret societies there, the so-called "Squelch" orders, will be in large measure to blame, and every fraternity member thereof who has exploited the Squelch Society at the expense of her real "fraternity faith," shall be morally responsible for the failure of the truest and best development of the fraternity system at Goucher.

Opposition from within is more serious, though it should be more easily controlled, but the disaffection of the alumnae of any chapter of any fraternity seems to indicate a lack of something dynamic within that fraternity that shall compel and control allegiance. One disaffected alumnae arouses more public comment than a hundred loyal members wearing the same badge. Unfortunately, we have encountered in these crucial years a few of these disaffected members, and they have "sat in high places," and they have not thought it expedient or necessary or even honest to resign their own membership before attacking the system.

This crystallization of anti-fraternity sentiment is a product of the tendency of the times. Throughout this country we are writing REFORM in capitals. There is an epidemic from which there is almost no escape. Many political problems bear witness, the changing parties, universal suffrage, tariff revision, currency. Reform we must

have, whether we impeach a governor, recall a mayor, or put fraternities out of a denominational college on the ground that they are unchristian. We must remember that the public has been reading the papers for a long time, and the papers always make the most of mock initiations, high school legislation and agitation. Some of the public read even the *Century* and the *Ladies' Home Journal*. Is it to be wondered that fraternities have not escaped muck-raking?

We are confronted by a great wave of anti-fraternity sentiment. It is not permitted here to go into details. Nor is it possible to make the public understand the fundamental causes of opposition at Wooster, at Brown or Barnard, in Texas, Wisconsin, Mississippi, Ohio or Alabama. All of these advance practically the same objections, whether valid or invalid, to the fraternity system.

These are the charges we must face. We cannot rest our case on the hostility of any one or two or three men at Wooster, on the racial problem at Barnard, or a hostile Dean at Brown, or the failure of one man in Wisconsin or Mississippi to make fraternity when he matriculated at the State University.

The question which we must face is this: Are we guilty or not of the charges as preferred against us?

And plead guilty we must on many counts, both past and present, but mostly in the past. Our chapters to-day, our governing boards are suffering to-day for the sins of preceding generations of conscienceless chapters and lax and inefficient national officers. Take not the word of the disaffected alumna who stands aloof and criticises the chapter of to-day by her knowledge of her chapter in her day, but take the testimony of women seated in this Congress whose initiation dates back twenty, thirty years, who have frankly said that they would not to-day permit their daughters to join the chapter of their day and generation, but these are the women who have sensed the real values of fraternity life and who have labored to make the chapters of to-day better, and who count it one of the privileges of life to witness the initiation of their daughters into the same chapter, or at least, the same fraternity.

Think of every criticism you have ever read or heard. Can you honestly say that *your* chapter has never been guilty on any count?

Probably not. Some of us think we have known chapters (not in our own fraternities, of course) who have appeared guilty on every count. But not all on all. Unfortunately, the wrath of faculties, trustees and legislators is like the dew of heaven—it falls alike on the just and the unjust. They will not distinguish between Trejan and Greek, most justly, and they will not distinguish between Greek and Greek, most unjustly, as it sometimes happens. And so it behooves no one of us to assume any “I am holier than thou” attitude. The most that any of us can do, the best that any of us can do, is to get under the mass and raise the whole to higher levels.

So much for causes and conditions. Cures must be considered. There is no panacea. If there were, undoubtedly the National Pan-Hellenic Congress would have found it at some time during these deliberations of twelve years. This Congress is made up of women who, while fully as loyal and perhaps even more so, than the most recent initiate, individually, nevertheless, has outgrown her own fraternity in the sense that she recognizes the inherent good in all fraternities. These women, some of whom have now come together for ten years, meet each other with a veritable Pan-Hellenic grip that is tangible expression of an inward spirit of harmony of thought and desire for the best good of all. For years we have answered the question, “What is National Pan-Hellenic Congress?” by stressing “an *advisory* body only.” A new definition may be formulated for to-day. The Congress to-day is *an educative standardizing agency* that shall pull up all fraternities on all counts. Why this definition for the Congress of 1913? For the first time the Congress has gone on record as *unanimously* opposed to the high school fraternities to the extent of disbarment from membership in collegiate orders; this Congress has adopted a uniform scholarship report card which it is expected will have a tonic effect on all chapter scholarship records of all fraternities; this Congress, after correspondence with Deans of women and many national officers and chapters, has adopted a uniform set of house rules which shall make for the better conduct of chapter house life; this Congress has entered upon definite correspondence with college authorities on matters of mutual interest; this Congress has gone on record in support of vocational training and

enlarged vocational opportunities for all college women, and for the present will give very tangible support to the Chicago Bureau of Occupations.

All of these make for standardization of the Congress fraternities. As an educative agency we expect to give fraternity women of New York the benefit of our open sessions in 1914, and probably the Pacific Coast Greek letter women in 1915.

The National Pan-Hellenic idea was conceived before opposition to fraternities was deemed at all serious. This year the Bureau of Fraternity Service has been organized primarily to meet this opposition which has developed so rapidly and extensively.

We must deplore all organization forced upon us from without by anti-fraternity sentiment. Organization is necessary, but it must be organization *for* and *not against* something. The keynote of the Congress of 1913 has been that we must meet *destructive criticism* with *constructive work*. Another danger of over-organization is multiplicity of rules, leading to the observance of the law and not the spirit. There is need of mental, moral and spiritual quickening in the lives of fraternity members everywhere and of chapters and Pan-Hellenics. There is no need of additional legislation from National Pan-Hellenic, nor from governing boards, nor faculties nor trustees, but there is need of more effective chapter legislation that shall make all existing laws effective and apparent to college communities and to national officers. You need to live your rituals. It can do no harm to let the public know that fraternities are essentially and fundamentally religious. However we may exploit our pagan gods and goddesses, our rituals are based on New Testament theology. But we have made of that a secret more than a holy of holies.

The reason for failure in everything worth while is lack of vision, lack of a big enough conception of possibilities. Men and women of large vision have ever been successful in ultimate realization. Fraternity leaders of to-day have wider vision than the leaders of even a decade ago. The fraternity with the largest vision to-day is bound to be the most worth while fraternity of to-morrow. This Congress has grown from seven fraternities to eighteen. As representative of a fraternity that is neither old nor young, but "middle-aged," I may

say that we have found that these younger orders, chapters of several of which have been established at Northwestern in the last few years, have as leaders to-day women who have this larger vision and who have been a help to us in the National Pan-Hellenic Congress, and their chapters under their inspiration and guidance cannot fail to be a valuable part of local Pan-Hellenic life and of college communities. Never before has so much of responsibility rested upon governing boards. Women in national office are held responsible to-day by the Greek world not only for the conduct of the individual chapters and almost of individual members thereof, but also for the very life of fraternities. Which is the *oldest*, which the best of fraternities are questions we always have with us. There should not be this burning question to agitate the freshman mind as to which is the *best* fraternity. Through the standardizing agency of the National Pan-Hellenic, through co-operation, through interchange of ideas, it is possible that all may make equal progress.

We must not minimize either the anti-fraternity sentiment or agitation throughout the country. We are on the eve of battle in colleges east and west, north and south. We must arm ourselves, we must be prepared for any and every emergency, but the best preparation for fighting a good fight is to be strong in the faith, in fraternity faith, and to have a pure heart, to know for a surety that you yourself, whether you be active or alumna, your chapter, whether it be near or far, your fraternity, whether it be old or young, have one and all rooted out every semblance of evil that has ever been credited to fraternity life. There are loyal fraternity men and women to-day who believe that lost ground cannot be recovered, that it is too late to stem the tidal wave of opposition, that reform within and education without have been started too late, that in consequence the fraternity system is doomed, that in ten, perhaps even in five years, we shall not be able to take in any more undergraduate members, that we shall become solely alumnae bodies. In that case, there will be little left for us to do save like the G. A. R. we may watch our own dissolution and disintegration.

We are not any of us Daniels, but we have been brought to judgment. We have been indicted by the grand jury of public opinion;

in some places we are out under heavy bonds. The case is not civil but criminal, for the system is on trial for life itself. Some of the lower courts have already decided against us. Temporary injunctions have been obtained. We are now carrying our case to the highest court in the land, the bar of the common people. We have able lawyers, a good defense. We ask, not for mercy, but justice. But we asked to be judged in the *present* and by the *present* and for ourselves, not cheap imitations of our weakest points. But we must also remember that every day makes history. What we as fraternity members do to-day on every college campus, east and west, speaks louder than any professions we may make. Now is the appointed time when every fraternity, when every chapter of every fraternity, when every member of every chapter must feel a sense of personal responsibility for the re-establishment on uncontested ground, of the Greek letter fraternity system.

CO-OPERATION OF FRATERNITY BROTHERS MEANS A STRONG CHAPTER.

The inter-relation of the actives and the alumni is an oft-discussed topic in fraternity publications. But can it be over-emphasized? Is the thread which unites them so weakly woven that it will be strained by repeated reference? No; let us rather believe that the tie will be strengthened by a recurrent reminder, and on the concurrence of this conclusion endeavor to set forth some of the inter-obligations, duties and responsibilities of the one to the other.

But what do the actives owe to the alumni? They must keep the interest of the alumni in the chapter alive and not allow it to become apathetic. How may this be accomplished? By means of quarterly or semi-annual editions, not elaborate and expensive, but simply containing interesting and instructive information regarding the annexation, the activities and the attitude of the pledges; the status of scholarship and the honors of the fraters; and comments on the general condition of the fraternity.

Again, each chapter should have upon its calendar a red-letter

"Alumni Day." An energetic effort should be made to have all the alumni back on that date. The occasion should be an eventful one. Here the alumni become acquainted with the actives and the affairs of the chapter; here the actives draw inspiration from the presence of and association with the alumni. Think of the excellent opportunity thus offered for fraternity spirit to reach a high pitch. Last year, a certain Illinois chapter, observant of these opportunities, made a coming together of this kind so inspiring that the alumni voluntarily subscribed \$15,000 to apply on a new house.

The actives cannot be too courteous and considerate to the alumni whenever they return. They should be affable and amicable to all alike. Some alumni, perhaps, are still struggling upward on the first few steps in the stairway of success. Cheer them on; censure not their slow ascent. Undoubtedly they are aware of their unattainments, and any signs of disesteem will not help them to progress.

Though the actives owe much to the alumni, yet the alumni owe considerable more to the actives. The actives might be forgiven for neglect of some of their obligations, but the alumni for being derelicts to their duty—never. The actives have never been alumni; but all the alumni have once been actives, and they know full well how any aid or interest from outside the chapter was always ardently appreciated.

The alumni owe it to themselves and to their fraternity to make good. Behind them is a group of brothers wistfully watching their course on the sea of success. What a disappointment to them if the ship should strike a snag and sink, or sail along disabled! The life of every alumnus should be an inspiration for every active. How helpful it is in the "rushing season" to be able to refer to several successful or promising alumni of your chapter! Is it not encouraging to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity to have one from among its ranks step into the highest office of the United States?

Every alumnus should co-operate with his respective chapter in directing prospective fraternity material to his college or university. May we not say that a majority of the new students, with fraternity qualifications, have preconceived opinions regarding certain fraternities before they register? Does not an alumnus, then,

have as much influence in determining what the future character of his chapter shall be as any active? The actives can only choose from those who have voluntarily come to their school; and are often forced to decide hurriedly on certain candidates, possibly too much so in some instances. Occasionally they do not have ample time to investigate the "rushees" standing in his home community. How helpful, then, to have as advance agents, the alumni, to co-operate with them. All the alumni should be awake to their responsibilities in this connection, and prejudice all prospective candidates favorably to their fraternity.

Again, the alumni of the various chapters should organize alumni chapters. Then the active chapter and the alumni would have a definite and dependable way of keeping in touch with one another. Through such organizations the alumni should give encouragement and aid to their respective chapters.

Every alumnus should be a subscriber of his college paper and of his fraternity publication. These will aid in keeping the interest of the alumni in fraternity affairs alive and aglow.

Moreover, the alumni should be of aid and assistance to the actives in every possible way. Some are located in large cities—perhaps there is an opportune opening there for a diligent devotee to duty. Ought they not inform their brothers in college of such an opportunity to make good, when all are eagerly concerned about their after-college days?

Then, again, the alumni have broader, richer and more varied experiences; they have firmer, better and more mature judgments; they meet with other fraternity men, and converse upon different fraternity methods. Any helpful ideas which come to them in any way should be imparted to the active chapter, that it may profit and prosper by them.

These are, in brief, a few of the inter-obligations, duties and responsibilities. But neither the actives nor the alumni should be circumscribed to these alone. Numerous others not mentioned should be observed and constantly practiced.

E. A. LAUTERBACH,
Iowa Alpha.

A SAFEGUARD IN SMALL COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

With the growth of anti-fraternity spirit and legislation, one that has been very forcibly brought to the minds of all Greek letter men: the fraternity must strengthen and protect itself, or it will be irrevocably buried in the *debris* of anti-fraternity legislation now being actuated by public censorship. At the last session of the Pan-Hellenic Council at Chicago, the subject was thoroughly threshed out with the result that all delegates returned home feeling that either drastic steps must be taken to protect the fraternity or it will be legislated out of every State school in the country, and this in the next few years.

The danger, mark you, lies in those schools supported and governed by the State, and it is in this class of schools that the fraternity has its strongest hold. How, then, may the fraternities in schools in which they already have the greatest development, strengthen themselves to an extent that they can overcome their opposition and be granted an existence? Simply by expansion.

This does not, however, mean expansion in the State schools alone. There is abundant room for expansion in these schools to an extent that the majority of students may derive the benefit of the fraternity, but the growth of the fraternity that we must look to as a protection must be in the small schools and colleges. It is the student and the graduate of these schools that are most frequently opposed to fraternities, simply because he has never had the privilege of witnessing their beneficial effects and has heard of little but their abuses. One cannot blame him. He has had no actual experience with them, and in fact scarcely knows what they are. What little knowledge he has of them has been chiefly derived from magazine articles which are almost invariably censorious, and until he is brought into active touch with some fraternity he will never know its merits and advantages, and will on the other hand retain a prejudiced opinion against them.

Many fraternities are strongly opposed to placing a chapter in the smaller colleges. "Make our fraternity strong by installing chapters

in large schools," they say, "but don't give the appearance of weakness through being represented by chapters in the lesser school." To my mind this is the most illogical of theories. Is it a school that makes a live chapter, or an organization composed of the right kind of energetic and capable men? When we meet a fraternity brother out of school, are we more concerned that he is from some certain school than that he is a man of character whom we are proud to introduce as our fraternity brother? Not if we have the true spirit of the fraternity, and not if we have the mental faculties that a college man is supposed to possess.

Let us, then, do away with this theory that the chapter in the small school cannot be of advantage to us, and let us extend to the smaller school the privilege of the fraternity system that we enjoy. As a matter of value in what it would add to us, we should do it, but as a matter of protection and an excuse for an existence, we must do it.

CLIFFORD B. SCOTT,
Nebraska Alpha.

CELEBRATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.

On April 7, 1914, Pennsylvania Delta will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its founding, and both the undergraduate chapter and the alumni are already planning to make the affair a complete success in size and enthusiasm. Each man of our hundred alumni members is being constantly reminded of the date and of the necessity of his being on hand to help in the festivities. The plans and the engineering of the reunion and celebration are in the hands of an undergraduate committee consisting of all the seniors in the chapter. In cooperation with this committee is the Alumni Advisory Committee. Brother Pius L. Schwert, '14, is chairman of the first, and Brother Frank D. Watson, Ph. D., '05, is chairman of the second committee.

April 7th will long be remembered as a "red-letter day" by all Pennsylvania Deltas. The morning and afternoon will be spent in a general reunion of the old men and their meeting with the younger

members of the chapter. The old "grads" will be taken over the old scenes of the University and given a chance to renew old acquaintances about the campus. In the evening the reunion banquet will be held in a downtown hotel. The committee in charge promises that this will be done "brown." In addition to plenty of good things to eat and good stirring speeches, there will be a vaudeville and other features of entertainment for the guests. All the alumni outside of Philadelphia will be put up at the fraternity house and the dormitories, and in the homes of the active members resident in the city. Pennsylvania Delta has indeed much to celebrate and the tenth anniversary will leave nothing to be desired.

It is fitting that the ten decennial of the founding of Pennsylvania Delta should come at a time when the chapter is at its strongest and best. The college year of 1913-1914 is the best that this chapter has ever seen. It now occupies a foremost position among the twenty-four national fraternities at the University of Pennsylvania and is probably the best and most consistently represented of all of them in the various undergraduate activities. In athletics, college journalism, class activities, literary circles and scholarship, Pennsylvania Delta holds an enviable position. Among the many honors which we can show are four senior society men, two athletic team managerships, the editor-in-chief of two of the chief publications of the University, associate editorships and managerships of various undergraduate publications, five varsity letter men, five varsity and class numeral men, the presidency of the Senior Law Class, the secretaryship of the Sophomore class, the presidency of the University Press Club, the presidency of the Wharton Association, two departmental vice-presidencies of the Christian Association. In addition there are many other activities of the chapter in the musical clubs, Mask and Wig Club, Cercle Francais, and other undergraduate organizations.

All loyal Pennsylvania Deltas, both alumni and active, are working hard for the building of a chapter house in the immediate future. While at present we have one of the most attractive of the rented fraternity houses at Pennsylvania, yet we have outgrown it and our future development and progress vitally demands the building of a suitable home.

Brothers from other chapters will be most heartily welcomed at our decennial celebration. Come and help us celebrate.

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AUTHORITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OVER THE FRATERNITY.

An opinion by John S. Dawson, Attorney-General of Kansas presents a different view from that laid down at some institutions. This opinion, dated August 28, 1913, addressed to Hon. Edward Hackey, Chairman of the Board of Administration, Topeka, Kan., and published in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for September, is as follows:

Touching the power of the Board of Administration of Educational Institutions over college fraternities, I beg to say that the law makes a clear distinction between the power of administrative school boards over private educational institutions and those supported at public expense. All the authorities concede that the governing boards of private colleges like Washburn College in Topeka or the Wesleyan University in Salina, may not only regulate but might suppress college fraternities in connection with the schools governed by such boards. No such powers, however, are conferred by laws upon the governing boards of public colleges such as those under your supervision. While it might be difficult in advance for an interpreter of statutes to mark all the boundaries and extent of your board's power I would say that your board has broad discretionary power to establish reasonable rules and regulations for the private conduct of students in State educational institutions, in so far as such rules and regulations may be necessary to see that the public funds thus expended are not wasted upon pupils whose conduct in or out of school hours is such that the best individual results in the case of each student are not attendant.

If your board should find that a student was wasting his

time in the work of a college fraternity I think the board and faculty, or his individual teachers would have lawful right to order him to rearrange his conduct. But this would be no more true in relation to his connection with a college fraternity than it would be if he wasted his time in athletics, or hunting, or fishing, or any other way not harmful in itself except in so far as it might detract from the accomplishment of the main purpose for which he is enrolled in school, i. e., the acquiring of a well-balanced college education. This question comes up most frequently in the case of a delinquent student who is inclined to adopt bad habits or to take up with low associates or to frequent places of ill repute. The court will always uphold school authorities in the making of all reasonable rules and regulations for the proper management of the schools and to secure good conduct and regularity of habits on the part of the students enrolled therein. All that the courts ask is that such rules and regulations be reasonable.

I would advise, however, that your board's authority does not go to the extent of suppressing the college fraternities. There are even some limitations of the power of the legislature itself to do that, but with that question we are not at present concerned. The Supreme Court of Indiana has had this same question under consideration in *State vs. White*, 82 Ind. 288. It is said:

A public university, endowed by Congress, supported mainly by State appropriations, and to which all inhabitants of the State of suitable age and character are entitled to admission, cannot require one to disconnect himself from a legitimate secret order as a prerequisite to his eligibility as a student.

Doubtless your board has the power to ascertain and satisfy itself that the students whose education is entrusted to your charge are neither wasting their time nor endangering their health or morals in their association with these college fraternities and you may enforce your reasonable

rules and regulations concerning their attendance upon these college fraternities just as all other disciplinary measures are enforced at state educational institutions.

MASTER 'O DREAMS.

Another day is over, and the night
Falls soft and warm about us, making dim
Every unsightly part of Earth. Our lives
Are likewise softened. As dusk
Creeps silently and kindly 'round the World,
Blinding our eyes from harshness, so it steals
Within our hearts and moulds with loving care
The crudeness of them nearer Beauty's rule.

Age now is young and Youth is old, and each
Content in dreams wherein the sickening check
Of creeds malformed and hideous can not stay—
A soaring spirit as it speeds to gain
The end of its desire. Master o' Dreams,
Teach us to shape our daylight lives in faith
Upon Thy models 'til, all pure at last,
We join Thee in Love's gladness, Master o' Dreams!

—*Dick Ham, Virginia Delta.*

EDITORIALS

When this issue of THE JOURNAL reaches the Chapters and Alumni, the Christmas holidays will be passed and another New Year will be with us, offering new opportunities and THE YEAR rewarding the worthy. During these cold winter 1914. days it is pleasant to sit by the red-hot coals and tell our brothers of the "bully" time the good folks gave us back home. This is beauty in the extreme. Reflections of this nature are always interesting to a group of college men. Naturally,

they should be. For an hour after dinner nothing can surpass it. But this hour done, we must again go to work.

Opportunities are greater to-day than ever before. Efficiency counts for more than we ordinarily think. The self-made man is growing scarce in the new age, so the burden for the future development of our country will fall upon those now being trained for the task. And not only those actually in college, but those who have graduated as well; for we are all young men, and training, with most of us, has just begun. We are one of those who do not believe that the lucky man, or the man with a pull, gets to the top in this busy world or ours. It is the man, trained and efficient, who has a purpose in life so definite and concrete that it cannot be mistaken. May we realize this for ourselves, each and every one of us, over and over again, each day in this New Year, that we may be better, work more consistently, and live more completely as Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

In this issue we run an interesting article about the Chicago Greek Letter Conference. This meeting took place in May and it was our intention to give it mention in our October issue but circumstances prevented. Although INTER-FRATERNITY CONFERENCE. delayed, we consider it worthy now of mention. This assembly was broader in its scope than usual, and differed from the Pan-Hellenic Conference of the Women's general fraternities in admitting representatives of all the fraternities, general and professional. The article is written by D. E. W. Wenstrand of the Illinois Psi Omega chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and is reprinted from the Record, the official publication of that fraternity. We use this article because it is the best we have seen and voices the spirit of the Conference.

The purpose of such conferences is by publicity and other means to combat the Anti-fraternity movement now active, especially in central western States. Such meetings should bring about desired results in suggesting to the active fraternities some things which they should do

and other things which they should not do and thus avoid the fraternity problem which is arising in many State legislatures.

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Our many exchanges are very free in criticising the authorities at a few of our institutions where fraternities have been abolished. One

of them says that it would be interesting some-

IS IT FAIR? time to make a test case of the legal rights of a college to force out its student organizations on the grounds that they are detrimental to the "best interests" of college, without giving these organizations in any way a chance to defend themselves or disprove the assertions made against them. Various cases are used in illustrating the magazine arguments. One case familiar to our own fraternity is that at Wooster, which we referred to in our last issue. The trustees have decided that fraternities must go. Why? Because a man with a caprice wouldn't give his money to Wooster unless they were abolished. Fraternity publications ask for a reason for such action and they are answered that fraternities were "unchristian" in their attitude. Fourteen organizations with an average of about fifteen members were branded as "unchristian" and the information is scattered broad cast that these organizations are unfit to remain at Wooster. Sigma Phi Epsilon is included in the list because it has three Greek letters for a name, in spite of the fact that the authorities at the University have no fault to find with our particular organization and only less than two years ago gave their consent for a charter of our fraternity to be placed there.

In commenting upon this situation one exchange recently asks: Does the college have the legal right to put such a stigma upon its students and give them no opportunity to have the accusations proved or disproved? Would such action be tolerated for a moment by an individual? Could a college say to an individual, "You are 'unchristian' in your attitude in this college and a detriment—get out?" Could not such a student take recourse unless such an institution proved the truth of its assertions in court? Then why should not a *group* of students have the same rights?

Barnard, and a few other institutions are experiencing the same deal. Another Exchange asks—What right has a college to pose as

"Christian" or even "Moral" in its tone when it treats its own students so grossly unfair? No student whose conduct and life has been in every way without reproach, likes to be told and have the world told that they are a "detriment" to the welfare of an institution when an institution through injustice takes such action. No more does an organization relish such a condition than does an individual. If a college, where there are no specific charges against fraternities, cannot be influenced by CHRISTIANITY and fairness to its students, could it not be compelled to give legal justice and redress? If not, says the Exchange referred to above, "both the law and common ideas of right need a decided renovation." In this connection we print elsewhere in this issue an opinion by John S. Dawson, Attorney-General of Kansas, the home State of the Editor, in which it is clearly shown that the State board cannot exercise any such suppressive authority such as has been the case at Wooster, Barnard and a few other institutions of our country.

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One of the questions of growing importance is that of Sophomore pledging and initiation. It has been discussed by Sigma Phi Epsilon and other fraternities in recent years. The most

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MEN.

prominent feature of the Sophomore rule is to prevent fraternities from making serious mistakes in their selection of the right kind of men. Oftimes chapters will hastily take in men who are inattentive to classroom work and will prove later to be uncongenial and in many respects undesirable. The low scholastic averages of many initiates will bring chapters into great and undesirable notoriety because the chapter did not wait to see if such freshmen possessed even an average scholastic ability and application to school work which might be necessary to maintain a respectable standing.

Many instances prove that college faculties or trustees recognize this defect in the fraternity system, and they have laid down rules which make pledging or initiations occur very late in the freshman year, and in some cases rules have been imposed to prevent initiations until the Sophomore year. In years which have passed such rules were made at Purdue, North Carolina, Baker, Iowa Wesleyan, and

perhaps other colleges where chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon exist. Michigan and Ohio State, and possibly others, will join the list effective next year.

In small institutions Sophomore pledging is a hardship on fraternities reducing the membership, and in some instances fraternities do not have enough active members to adequately fill their houses, which means added expense to the fraternity. We believe that a man desirable for a fraternity, who has successfully completed the work of one semester, should be eligible to fraternity membership, and we also think that our chapters should co-operate with other chapters in an interfraternity conference or Pan-Hellenic organization and adopt rules which would make *ineligible* to fraternity membership any man who has not successfully completed the work of at least the first semester.

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No doubt most of our chapters have been impressed already by recent visits from one or more of our Grand Officers. The JOURNAL wishes to compliment the system of our Gov-

GRAND OFFICERS erning officials in their efforts to reach all of

VISIT. the chapters in person at some time during the school year. Our Grand President has re-

cently returned from a trip which included over 6,000 miles and nearly all of our chapters. Those that were missed will be visited some time later in the school year. Our guiding officer carried with him a message which he gave to each chapter visited, and proved to the satisfaction of all that he is thoroughly conversant on matters pertaining to fraternities and to Sigma Phi Epsilon especially. Our fraternity is now at the crucial period of its existence, and active chapters and members at large should be co-operative in the spirit of fraternalism with our Grand Officers in continuing to make Sigma Phi Epsilon stand out foremost among the Greek Letter fraternities of our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The JOURNAL staff finds that the alumni are not free with contributions for publication. If we are to run good pages in our fraternity JOURNAL, we must have the support of the entire fraternity. Our organization has within its membership many brothers who should respond to this call with articles. All of us have friends who would be glad of the opportunity to submit articles to the Editor. Your articles may be sent to Contributing Editor McBrien, or direct to the Editor-in-Chief.

ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES

The Editor of the JOURNAL is very much of the opinion that a great many of our Chapter Secretaries do not give prompt attention to correspondence sent to them. Grand Secretary Phillips, we believe, will repeat this statement with emphasis. Such conditions should not exist. Our Grand Secretary should not be expected to write the Chapter Secretary several letters to get a monthly report, nor should any officer be expected to write to a Chapter more than once for the same thing.

TELEGRAMS COLLECT.

The list of delinquent Chapter Historians seems to number about ten for each issue of the JOURNAL. Any Chapter Historian not having his chapter letter mailed to the Editor at the proper and stated time, may expect, after a reasonable time, to receive a telegram COLLECT reminding him of his short memory.

EXCHANGES

The fraternity system is ably and eloquently defended in the following words of Mr. E. J. Smith, Jr., clipped from *The Delta* of ΣN . Oh, what memories will come to the mind of the alumnus when he reads these words!

"Many a man does not realize the big debt he owes his Fraternity until in a retrospective moment he happens to glance back over his college career and sees how closely his life has been connected with it. Then comes the realization that a major portion of the training received at his alma mater, the training for service, was given him by his Fraternity. That is the practical side. But above and greater than this are the true and lasting friendships formed which would never have been contracted otherwise than in a Fraternity. And then comes memories of the Chapter House life. He vividly remembers the rough-houses, dances, dinners and other social events that helped to make his four years in college the happiest of his life. The life, it is true, tended to narrow the men in the sense that they were somewhat isolated from the rest of the student body. But he happily reflected that it had not produced snobs. A feeling of brotherhood and mutual reliance had tended to hold the boys together.

Thus mentally reviewing the pros and cons of Fraternity life the "Old Grad" experiences a heartfelt gratitude toward the great organization of college Fraternities and he is proud of them and their work. He recalls the names of many men who had developed wonderfully and he sees that this development had been fostered by the Fraternity. It had brought out and shown to the world the latent qualities of manhood dwelling in them. The help and example of older and stronger men who lived in such close intimacy with these prospective weaklings had proved their salvation.

So it is with the Fraternities and their work. Enemies may howl as much as they like, but as long as the brotherhood feeling prevails in the hearts of men, the system of college Fraternities will exist and perform their noble functions."

These are days when the fraternities must show results. They must prove that they have a place to fill in college life. Is your

chapter making use of its opportunity to teach its members some things that are left out of the college curriculum, or to give practical training in some of the theoretical matters that are presented in the class-rooms, or to train its members for "service" in later life? Some helpful suggestions are contained in the following editorial from *The Garnet and White* of A X P:

"One defect, it would seem, in our present system of education in this country, is that too many facts are taught the student, and too few duties. After a completed course in grammar school, high school, and college, with perhaps graduate work added thereto, the average collegian has absorbed, often into sub-consciousness, a smattering of almost every art and every science under the sun, but he has not learned to answer a letter promptly or to cast his vote conscientiously. He has learned to run a transit or to indite a brief, but he has not learned how to be a good citizen, a good father of a family, or even a good business man. Precisely the facts which cannot be learned from books, but from personal contact and inspiration from men of large ideals and shrewd common-sense, he has failed to get from those who are called his educators, at a time of life when he is able and ready to learn. It is to be hoped that the day may come when the sheer multitude of ascertained facts shall compel the teaching of fewer facts and more principles; the memorizing of less books and the substitution of intelligent instruction in the use of sources; the mastery of a smaller number of theorems and the imprinting on each mind of the proper discharge of the radical duties of business and social life. Meanwhile, could not our fraternities do a great deal toward training their members along just these lines? Is there nothing valuable which could be taught under the rather dubious heading of "Literary Exercises?"

So many times have we and other fraternity journals spoken of the things that chapters must not do, but still when we find one of our

"don't's" clothed in pointed language we like to present the matter again. Especially do we approve of the item below, which we have taken from *The Caduceus* of K Σ , and add to it only the suggestion that even though you may deem your rushing season closed and your chapter quota filled, such a man as is mentioned in this item should still be considered. Your fraternity ideals, and even the anti-fraternity feeling, demand the recognition of such a man.

"If a man is doing things in the undergraduate world, don't be too afraid of him merely because he may not come from an environment up to your ideals from a social standpoint. Few hard-working students go through our colleges and universities without becoming gentlemen both in heart and in conduct, no matter what may have been their former station. Neither the fabric on a man's back nor the cut of his trousers bespeaks the gentleman. The grind may not put in a good appearance at the reception and he may not learn to two step, but he may be a Φ B K, Ph. D. and distinguished man of letters in the years to come. Then the cut of his coat will not matter, but he will bring honor to the fraternity and those who shone with greater brilliancy in the undergraduate social world will be glad to call him a member in the same chapter at the same time."

Horse-play is one of the things that fraternities should be outgrowing, and some chapters, we are glad to say, have completely relinquished their affection for it, and we hope that in the early future many more will see the folly of their ways, and relegate this obnoxious custom to the "land of memories." *The Caduceus* of K Σ , in the language below, shows what may result from the adherence to what, in these modern days, is clearly an adjunct of our high school imitators.

"Horse-play may result in some very serious accidents, as has been proven lately by a fraternal lodge of Birmingham, Ala., four members of which are at present under indictment of the grand jury for manslaughter.

The facts were, two of a bunch of initiates who were being

put through in the local lodge, died as a result of the old 'branding process.' The men were allowed to see the branding iron being heated, and and were then blindfolded, an iron band was placed around the ankle, and they were struck upon the breast with a rubber stamp, at the same time they were touched upon some part of the body with a wire which completed the electric circuit with the band around the ankle. The sensation of being burned was almost perfect, and the joke a good one. However, something went wrong and the two men died a few minutes afterward. The coroner's jury had a hard time decided whether death was caused by electric shock, heart failure, or whether a brick wall fell on them, but finally brought in a verdict of manslaughter."

From two sorority magazines we have taken two clippings which contain valuable ideas, admonitions and recommendations for fraternity chapters to heed and to follow, in order to place themselves in a stronger and better position to withstand the onslaughts of the anti-fraternity element. The first is taken from the "message" of Mrs. Cora Allen McElroy, President of A Φ printed in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, and is as follows:

"As fraternity women our attitude toward college activities and toward those without our ranks will be under closer scrutiny than ever before, because of the anti-fraternity sentiment which has passed over some of our state universities through the organized efforts of non-fraternity college men in some of the legislatures. This agitation, somewhat socialist in its nature, will classify the chapters finally as to their individual intrinsic worth. It will stimulate the careless chapters to seek their *raison d'être* and persuade all fraternities to install competent official inspectors to round up these groups into creditable chapters which must recognize their relationships to their colleges as well as their personal pleasures and enjoyable friendships.

There is a great need in many colleges for more chapters as there are many fine young people on the campus among

the non-initiated. This is due to the fact that membership in the chapters already established must be reasonably limited to obtain the full value of close fraternity association.

The signs of the time behoove fraternity people to take a finer interest in those outside the fraternities and to observe a most honorable Pan-Hellenic spirit among themselves. Thus, showing themselves worthy of the fine ideals which the fraternities profess and hold sacred."

The second is from the pen of Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmelee, National President of $\Delta \Delta \Delta$, in *The Trident*, of $\Delta \Delta \nabla$, and is as follows:

"We must not minimize either the anti-fraternity sentiment or agitation throughout the country. We are on the eve of battle in colleges East and West, North and South. We must arm ourselves, we must be prepared for any and every emergency, but the best preparation for fighting a good fight is to be strong in the faith, in fraternity faith, and to have a pure heart, to know for a surety that you yourself, whether you be active or alumna, your chapter, whether it be near or far, your fraternity, whether it be old or young, have one and all rooted out every semblance of evil that has ever been credited to fraternity life. There are loyal fraternity men and women today who believe that lost ground cannot be recovered, that it is too late to stem the tidal wave of opposition, that reform within and education without have been started too late, that in consequence the fraternity system is doomed, that in ten, perhaps even in five years, we shall not be able to take in any more undergraduate members, that we shall become solely alumnae bodies. In that case, there will be little left for us to save like the G. A. R. we may watch our own dissolution and disintegration.

We are not any of us Daniels, but we have been brought to judgment. We have been indicted by the grand jury of public opinion; in some places we are out under heavy bonds.

The case is not civil but criminal, for the system is on trial for life itself. Some of the lower courts have already decided against us. Temporary injunctions have been obtained. We are now carrying our case to the highest court in the land, the bar of the common people. We have able lawyers, a good defense. We ask, not for mercy, but for justice. But we asked to be judged in the *present* and by the *present* and for ourselves, not cheap imitations of our weakest points. But we must also remember that every day makes history. What we as fraternity members do to-day on every college campus, east and west, speaks louder than any professions we may make. Now is the appointed time when every fraternity, when every chapter of every fraternity, when every member of every chapter must feel a sense of personal responsibility for the re-establishment on uncontested ground, of the Greek letter fraternity system."

We have quoted in full the following editorial from *The Record*, of $\Sigma A E$, because we believe in every word of it, and think, if the advice be followed, that much good will result, and that the general welfare of fraternities will be greatly advanced:

"We hope the time is not far distant when the Pan-Hellenic organization in the colleges will realize the importance of fraternities being inactive in college politics. As a rule, the moving spirits about college are members of a fraternity; and naturally enough, have the support of other fraternity men. Some of these leaders are ambitious for college honors. That is, they like to have their vanity tickled by electing someone or being elected to some office, usually an empty honor with little substantial benefit. Such ambition leads to the formation of voting cliques, forces intense rivalry, and makes enemies.

How much better for fraternity men to take an interest in all such affairs and help to elect efficient men to all college offices—but under no circumstances, be a candidate or urge

the candidacy of a fraternity man. Fraternities should avoid all appearances of clannishness—for politics more than any other activity in college life, separates the Greek from the Barb. The mad ambition to be boss and have fraternity men occupying all of the college offices is responsible for much of the present agitation.

However, there are certain honors, possessing the same emptiness, but in their attainment the individual is selected because of real merit. Such honors it is well to seek—for pull, cliques and scheming have no influence. It is here that honest effort alone counts; and all honest effort is a decided benefit, though the honor gained counts for little. Debating, oratory, declamation, essay writing, scholarship and all intellectual activities are the things worth while; but more important than all else, one should strive to attain that poise and genuineness, the radiation of which attracts people and makes one bigger, better, and broader. Think ye on these things, for they are real substance of college life. Self-seeking, in whatever form, breeds discord and enmity."

Dr. Jeremiah S. Ferguson, Worthy Grand Master of K Σ, in his clear, forceful style, has again brought up the scholarship question, and we have reproduced an excerpt from his article which appeared in a recent number of *The Caduceus* of K Σ. The ideas therein expressed are among those subjects which cannot be spoken of too frequently in fraternity literature, and because scholarship is the chief aim of every loyal Sigma Phi Epsilon we adopt Dr. Ferguson's words and lay upon them great emphasis.

"We have frequently said, and desire to reiterate, that we are not of those who believe scholarship is the only thing for which a man goes to college; nor are we of those who believe that high grades should be the goal for which every college student should aim; but we do believe that the scholastic work of a college man is of importance at least equal to any other activity which he may pursue during his college life.

Indeed, we would go even further, and assert that good scholarship is of greater importance than any other activity for the one reason, if for no other, that to remain in college a man must attain at least a creditable percentage of passing grades. Therefore, while we feel that a fraternity must continue to select its members largely on the basis of congeniality, we nevertheless believe that the ability to make a creditable showing in the class-room, which is largely coincident with the ability to remain in college, should be a prime consideration in the selection of the membership of Kappa Sigma or of any other fraternity.

This does not preclude giving due weight to other considerations which may be deemed of influence. We are not of the opinion that a man should be initiated merely because he is a good scholar, nor because he is a good athlete, a good musician or a good fellow; but we would say that a good fellow, a good musician, a good athlete, must be a reasonably good scholar in order to claim the attention of a fraternity. A good athlete who can remain in college but one semester is of little value to any fraternity."

ADVICE.

(To the Newly Initiated Fraters.)

Listen, freshmen, while I hand you
All a line of old-grad dope,
For the sweat and blood to land you
Was not spilled without a hope.
You, perhaps, are no whit better
Than the lad who just lost out;
This remember to the letter—
Treat him WHITE—without a doubt.
Do not be a wet rag scoffer;
Do your part with cheerful grin;
You will get from out the coffer

Just as much as you put in.
 And, remember in your living
 That you wear the Fiji star—
 The Fraternity is giving
 More than you can know—by far.
 Out beyond your alma mater
 In the world where I have been
 Do you know you may call, "Frater,"
 To ten thousand college men?
 Then, my boys, will you not do it?
 Go it hard in college strife
 But remember when you're through it—
 Phi Gamma Delta is for life.

—*L. Eugene Robinson, in The Phi Gamma Delta.*

COLLEGIATE.

A Collegiate Bureau for Occupations has been established in Chicago by the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and is being financed by alumnae from the different colleges. The bureau is similar in purpose and organization to those already existing in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. The bureau will endeavor to find positions for college women in all fields except those of teaching and social service.

"Columbia has been selected by the Navy Department as the institution in which a number of Annapolis graduates will each year be ordered for a course in post-graduate engineering."—Columbia Chapter Correspondence, in *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Dr. Clark Wells Chamberlain, who on September 17, 1913, became the second alumni president of Dennison University, is the fourth college executive the Dennison Chapter of $\Phi \Upsilon \Delta$ has numbered among its members.

"Gifts to the University, aggregating one million dollars, which were recently announced, assure the extension of various courses and

the erection of new buildings. N. W. Harris, of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank of Chicago, was the donor of \$250,000 for the erection of an economics building, its upkeep, fellowships, etc. The names of the other benefactors have not yet been announced.

"The new dormitories on the campus are nearing completion. They form a quadrangle system, a portion of which will be used for fraternity chapter houses, and the remaining for regular dormitories. The frats going on the campus are Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Upsilon. Those remaining off are Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, and Phi Kappa Sigma.—Northwestern University Chapter Correspondence, in *The Delta of Σ N*.

At the State College of Washington two new buildings—Wilson Hall, the \$150,000 home of the Agricultural Department, and the Mechanical Arts Building—are under construction, and a \$60,000 Armory is being planned.

At the University of Virginia a new post-office is being built, and also an ornamental gateway to the "Long Walk." A new stadium was completed last summer, and Virginia now has the finest athletic field in the South.

"The New York legislature has provided for seven hundred and fifty state Scholarships giving one hundred dollars annually for four years to be applied toward the tuition fee of any college within the state. When all the scholarships are filled there will be three thousand students receiving State aid without the maintenance on the part of the State of a university organization."—*The Record of A Σ*.

Last October Princeton University dedicated its graduate college and the Grover Cleveland memorial tower. Representatives from practically every American college and several foreign universities, as well as many alumni, were in attendance upon the dedicatory exercises.

The New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance announced and is conducting this year a special three-year course in business organization, scientific management and industrial engineering. Both day and evening sessions are provided for. We quote the following paragraphs from the commerce bulletin which announced this new course:

"The recent development of the efficiency idea in organization and management of large and small mercantile and manufacturing concern has led the New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance to establish a three-year course in this phase of the profession of business. As business is today conducted, the men in charge must possess knowledge which is not obtained and qualities which are not cultivated by routine work in subordinate positions. If they are to be successful, they must have a wide knowledge of advanced methods of business, including the principles or organization, business law, a broad outlook over the financial and industrial world and ability, cultivated by training, to reason quickly and accurately and to express themselves clearly and forcibly. The special training required for successful work in industrial engineering and in efficient management prepares young men for positions of leadership. To give this special training a three-year course has been established."

"This course as outlined above can be finished in the three years by taking two hours' work each night, five times a week. If more time can be devoted to study, it can be completed in two years, four hours' work each day being required."

"Students are allowed to enter on presenting a Regents' Qualifying certificate or diploma of a four years' High School. Men over twenty-one years of age without such credentials, but with satisfactory business experience will be admitted to the above classes."

"The instruction at the New York University School of Commerce, Accounts and Finance aims to prepare ambitious and energetic young men for business and to assist older men already in business in equipping themselves for more responsible positions."

It has been announced in the public press that Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, President of Cornell University, has accepted the Stafford Little lectureship on public affairs at Princeton University for the current academic year, and that the lectures will be given in March or April. The subject will be the "Balkan Situation." Dr. Schurman was formerly minister to Greece, and may be said therefore to have first-hand knowledge of the subject.

Plans have been lately perfected for raising \$500,000 for the expansion and improvement of Waynesburg College. It has been announced that the fund has been started with a gift of \$25,000 made by a resident of New York, whose name is withheld. Waynesburg is one of the old institutions of Western Pennsylvania.

An additional opportunity has been afforded students working their way through college at the University of Kansas by the recent order of the State Board of Administration, which allows such students to act as janitors in the place of outside persons, who have formerly been employed in such capacities

A press dispatch of November 4, 1913, gives the following account of a fire at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio:

"The main administration building of the Ohio Northern University was totally destroyed by fire early today. Only hard work of the local department saved the adjoining Brown auditorium and nearby residences. The library and many valuable records are lost. The great pipe organ is ruined. The loss will total upwards of \$100,000. The origin of the fire is unknown."

On November 15th last, at the opening of the new hospital of the veterinary college of Cornell University President Schurman made formal announcement of a gift of more than \$4,350,000 to the Cornell medical college of New York City. The donor is said to be Colonel Oliver H. Payne, of New York City, a Yale alumnus, who has long been interested in the affairs of the Cornell medical college. The interest on this gift is sufficient to give the medical college an annual

income of \$200,000. This is the largest gift that has ever been made to Cornell.

The will of Willam Deering was recently filed for probate in Chicago, and by it Northwestern University will receive about \$1,000,000.

The University of North Carolina is building a new dining hall that will seat 600 on the first floor and 300 in the balconies.

"The returning student body found several improvements being made on the campus. The new gymnasium, given to the University by Charles Taylor, is now well under construction and, judging from the building's appearance and from the plans posted, it promises to be a wonder. An archway through the building brings one to the athletic field. This field consists of two parts—the upper, still being remodeled and to be used for field and track sports, and the lower one, which contains the gridiron at one end, and the diamond at the other. Concrete stands are now being built along the football field and will be finished in time for Lafayette game, while enough sections of wooden stands, to completely enclose this space, have been put together in such a way that they can be hauled to any place desired. A wall of concrete will enclose the whole area. The total expenditure for gymnasium and stadium is estimated at \$500,000.00. Our old gym is being renovated and, under the name of Coppee Hall, will be devoted to the Arts and Science courses. This is just another of the steady improvements that mark the growth of Lehigh, and this growth was even more apparent in the size of the entering class."—Chapter Correspondence in *The Delta* of ΣN —Lehigh University.

HELLENIC.

FRATERNITY EXPANSION.

B Θ Π —Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Utah.

$\Pi K A$ —Pennsylvania State College.

$\Lambda \Gamma \Delta$ —Boston University.

$X \Omega$ —University of Missouri.

$\Delta \Delta V$,—University of Arkansas and Drury College (Springfield, Missouri.)

$\Delta \Gamma$ —University of Toronto and University of Oregon.

$\Gamma \Phi B$ —University of Illinois.

$K \Lambda \Theta$ —State College of Washington.

$K \Delta$ —Normal College of New York.

ΣK —University of Kansas and Jackson College.

ΦX (Med.)—Tufts College Medical School.

$\Phi P \Sigma$ (Med.)—Columbia University and McGill University.

$\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ (Dent.)—Dental Department of Lincoln University, Omaha, Nebraska.

CONVENTIONS.

$A X P$ —Washington, D. C., February 20-23, 1914.

$A \Phi$ —Ithaca, N. Y., June 23-26, 1914.

$X \Omega$ —Estes Park, Colorado, June 20-27, 1914.

"The growth of the college fraternities within the past year has been truly remarkable. Extension has progressed rapidly in the West and moderately in the East, while the South has been hardly touched. It is also interesting to note the extension of several of the more conservative and restricted fraternities.

Thus, Psi Epsilon has chartered a local at Williams and Delta Psi is considering a petition from Cernell. Northern Kappa Alpha, the oldest secret college fraternity and also one of the smallest, has established its eighth active chapter in the University of Pennsylvania by chartering a body of men who had previously been members of the young fraternity of Sigma Pi—a very questionable manner of growing!

Of the larger fraternities, Phi Kappa Psi has entered Iowa State, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon has established a chapter in the University of Pittsburg. The only other general fraternity for men in the latter institution is Sigma Chi, which entered in 1909, but there are a number of professional fraternities.

Pi Kappa Alpha, long restricted to the Southern States, rapidly presses its invasion of the North. Its latest garrison has been planted in Rutgers, making the chapter roll of the fraternity total thirty-six."—*The Garnet and White* of A X P.

"Phi Kappa, a local at Brown, founded in 1886, has decided to become national, and as a beginning has put in a chapter at Illinois. There are now nineteen fraternities represented at Brown, one of which is a local."—*The Star and Lamp* of Π K Φ.

"At the last meeting of the University Faculty resolutions were adopted establishing second year initiation after 1914. No man can be initiated until he has successfully passed 24 hours' work in the University, and a man cannot be pledged until the May following his entrance into the University. No one but active members, alumni or affiliates of a chapter can room or board at the chapter house, and the latter only after receiving 24 hours' credit at Ohio State. The fraternities of Ohio State were in favor of this ruling, but they regret very much that the Faculty has taken the government of fraternities into their own hands, as they feel that they are capable of self-government."—*Ohio State University Chapter Correspondence in The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Κ Δ at its national convention last July passed a regulation that after September 1, 1915, students who had joined high school fraternities will not be eligible to membership in that sorority.

In the windows of the Tiffany & Co. store on Fifth Avenue, in New York, there is on exhibition the handsome silver loving cup which Φ Γ Δ will award each year to its chapter which has "maintained the highest standards of all-round efficiency during the preceding year." The plan for grading the chapters in competition for this cup classifies all chapter activities under three headings: scholarship, fifty per cent.; relations of the chapter to the college, twenty-five per cent.; and relations of the chapter to the fraternity, twenty-

five per cent. The cup is the gift of O. H. Cheney, President of the $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$.

$\Lambda \Delta \Phi$ (sorority) at its convention held in Chicago June 18-20 last, changed its name to $\Lambda \Delta \Pi$, owing to the inconvenience and confusion resulting from the identity of the name with that of the fraternity.

In the September number of *The Record* of $\Sigma \Lambda E$ appears the following account of how that fraternity held the proud distinction of having a "woman brother":

"It came about in this wise: Miss Lucy Patty, a bright, cultured and vivacious young lady of the neighborhood was a popular "college widow." When War's Alarms were sounded in 1861 the Cadets, all Southern boys, promptly responded to the call of their respective States, and the school was closed. The preservation of the records of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon was a serious problem, which was solved by gaining Miss Patty's consent to take charge of them.

When the War Cloud was lifted and the Institute was reopened, a few $\Sigma \Lambda E$'s returned, and Miss Patty delivered the records intact, with seal unimpaired. The boys in gratitude and to show their high appreciation and confidence in her integrity, formally electer her as, the first and only woman member of the Fraternity. She did not attend the regular meetings of the chapter, but she has ever been cherished as a "Sister" by the $\Sigma \Lambda E$'s of Kentucky Chi (Kentucky Military Institute)."

"At Lehigh University during October there was organized what is known among Lehigh men as the Interfraternity Council, composed entirely of a body of fraternity men in which nearly every one of the nineteen fraternities in college have joined. The sole purpose of this organization is to bring into closer touch and fellowship the men composing the different fraternities at Lehigh, and their idea is to bring about the end desired by holding during the college year a series of social evenings, where all the men can get together. It is indeed a commendable thing for the fraternities, not only at Lehigh

but elsewhere, to get together in this manner, with the interest of the college and fraternity at heart, in an effort to bring all the men into a closer relationship with each other."—*The Caduceus* of K Σ.

"Frederick W. Vanderbilt has given to the St. Anthony Club, as the Sheffield Scientific School chapter of Δ Ψ is called at Yale, \$160,000 for a new home, which will make the most costly fraternity house at any institution. He is a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School, class of '76. He has already given to the school its first two dormitories, one of which stands on College and one on Wall Street. The new society house, replacing the present St. Anthony Hall, will connect the two dormitories and will be four stories high of Indiana limestone, of which the dormitories are built. Work on the building has begun, and the construction will take about a year."—*The Scroll* of Φ Δ Θ.

Δ Υ at its seventy-ninth annual convention in Rochester, N. Y., last October, voted to bar from membership after 1917 any college freshman who had been a member of a high school or preparatory school secret fraternity, and agreed to urge the Pan-Hellenic council to take similar action to govern other college fraternities.

"One fraternity after another has been affected in the past few years by two strong tendencies in the direction of increasing the efficiency of its central or national government. The first has been the establishment and maintenance of "travelling secretaries"—a movement which has already been amply justified by its results. A second, and naturally dependent, tendency is just beginning to appear. That is a tendency to increase the graduate vote in conventions at the expense of the undergraduate chapters. An interesting example of this idea is a change in government lately effected by Delta Kappa Epsilon, by which a governing body has been formed consisting of one graduate representative of each chapter."—*The Garnet and White* of A X P.

ALUMNI NOTES.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Henry Doerner, '13, is now assistant in chemistry at the Colorado Agricultural College, at Fort Collins.

Louis G. Bradfield, '13, is managing a garage and auto sales agency in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Paul Fitch, '15, is attending the law department at the University of Southern California.

L. F. Games is principal of the high school at Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Brothers Cato, Cooper, Gale and Blackwell are teaching in Richmond, Virginia.

G. P. Arnold is studying law at Washington and Lee University.

V. L. Arnold is practicing law in Waverly, Virginia.

C. F. James is practicing pharmacy in Lynchburg. We may also state that he has recently become a father.

C. L. Turnipseed, whom we call the founder of our chapter, is now in business at Union Springs, Alabama.

OHIO GAMMA.

W. W. Lake is chief chemist for a large wholesale grocery company in Cleveland, Ohio.

H. A. Shuler is head of the Detroit branch of the Kinnear Manufacturing Company.

E. R. Davis is editor for The Law Publishing Co., of Rochester, N. Y. He was recently married to Miss Esther Wilson, of Cleveland, Ohio.

C. C. Brown is in the engineering department of the American Seeding Machine Co., of Richmond, Ind.

Dr. A. S. Sclingman, of Eaton, Ohio, announces the arrival of a baby boy in his home. Young "Doc" has already been pledged S. P. E.

Frank Mahurin and Paul Crider are representing The Geger Ceramic Machine Co., of New London, Ohio.

E. R. Burke is again located in Elyria, Ohio.

Forest Balyeat and Eddie Hughes are with Westinghouse, with headquarters in Wilksburg, Pa.

Arthur W. Raymond alias "Bugs," is in charge of the Playgrounds and Gardens of the Department of Recreation, city of Columbus. Bro. Bugs coached the U. S. Army Post the past season with a remarkable record, his team being scored on but once.

The announcement of the engagement of Edwin Buchanan, Assistant Bank Examiner, city of Columbus, to Miss Mariette McClure recently appeared in the Columbus Dispatch.

VERMONT ALPHA.

"Stub" Rich is working for the Vermont Marble Company, at Proctor.

Arthur Holland is working for the government in West Virginia "Red" Smith is in Chicago working for the Western Electric Co. Frank Hoff is employed by the New England Telephone Co.

W. VIRGINIA BETA.

Brother Morris Claybourne Burnside was married on January 1st. to Miss Louie Marie Buck of Gaylord, Mich. They are located at 112 Hendric Ave., Detroit, Mich.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

"During the summer, Ethel Clare Gillette, '13 A, was married to Mr. Leland Robinson, $\Sigma \Phi E$, Syracuse, '10. She was married at her home in La Fargeville."—*The Lyre* of A X Ω .

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Brother Carlos Cranford Houghton, '13, was married to Miss Lucy D. Lauck, of Washington, D. C., on the evening of September 3, 1913. The wedding ceremony was performed at the Washington Heights Presbyterian church. Brother Houghton is assistant in charge of education at the Washington Y. M. C. A.

Miss Mary L. Brashears, on November 19, 1913, at her home in Washington, D. C., became the bride of Brother James McIntosh Gunning, ex-'09. They will be at home after December 15th, at 119 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

The marriage of Miss Frances Loretto Kelly, of Washington, D. C., and Brother Frank J. Veihmeyer, '12, took place on November 20, 1913, at the Jesuit's Church, New Orleans, La. Brother and Mrs. Veihmeyer will reside in El Centro, California, and will be at home after January 1st.

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FATALITIES

Brother Veihmeyer expects to sign up for life on November 20th in New Orleans. Miss Kelly being the other party to the contract.

Jimmie Gunning has his on the 19th in Washington. The Lady? Miss Mary Brashears, of course.

COME TO THE ALUMNI FALL GATHERING

University Club

Nov. 18, 1914, 8:15 P. M.

Buffet Supper

\$1.25 Each

JOIN THE CROWD

FRAT NEWS

Saturday, November 15th, nine goats bucked the line from the Frat House to Randall Highlands. Seven miles away.

Brother Barton is now Sigma and Ross Hunter, Tau. Brother Tanner is house manager. The Chapter and the house are in the best shape in history.

Send Names at once to Brother A. B. REAVES, 1502 Vermont Avenue

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We wish to take this means of announcing to the fraternity at large that we have an Alumni Association here in Denver, composed of thirty loyal brothers from various chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon located throughout the country.

We hold an informal supper at the Albany Hotel twice each month where we discuss many points of interest pertaining to our fraternity

We had the pleasure of entertaining Grand President Griffin dur-

ing his stay here in Denver, but owing to one of worst snow storms in the history of the city we were not able to carry out all our plans. We certainly derived a great benefit from his short stay with us and hope that he will not wait too long before he visits us again.

We sincerely hope that where there are enough Sig Eps in a city, that they will not hesitate to form an alumni chapter because the more



F. J. KNAUSS.



L. W. BOWEN.

the better and we alumni can assist the active chapters to solve many of their problems.

Now, if any of you brothers should happen to be in Denver a few hours don't forget to look us up and we assure you a very cordial reception.

Fraternally,

L. W. BOWEN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Chapter Letters.

(The Journal is issued on October 20th, December 25th, March 1st and May 1st. Your chapter letter should be in the hands of the Editor twenty days before each date of publication. No notice other than this will be given. Have your letter type written and use but one side of the paper. The next letter will be due Feb. 9th. 1914.—The Editor.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

RICHMOND COLLEGE.

Meets every Sunday 3:00 P. M. in room on Campus.

Since our last letter to the Journal, we have experienced some of that delightful work known as "rushing." On account of the restricted rushing season and rules inaugurated here last year among the fraternities, we have just really begun the work in earnest. The beginning was a banquet held on the 24th of November and at which we were pleased with the number of our alumni who helped us to entertain the prospective "goats." It was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. We could not receive any pledges that night, due to an inter-fraternity rule, but we now have received a goodly number and hope to tell the Journal about them in our next letter.

In the social activities of the College, Alpha still maintains her high standing. Brother Johnson has been elected president of the German Club; Brother Lewis vice-president, and Alpha was well represented at the German Club dance given on the 25th of November.

Alpha Chapter was very highly honored on the night of November 30th by having with us our Grand President, Brother J. C. Griffin. We were all very glad to see Brother Griffin and we hope that his trip will be a safe and pleasant one.

We were not surprised to learn that Brothers Louthan and Blankenship passed the Virginia State Bar Examination held on the 5th of November.

We were also glad to have with us the past month Brother Goldsmith who expects to practice law in Richmond, and Brother Q. C. Davis who is practicing law in Norfolk, Va.

In conclusion, we extend to every brother a hearty invitation to visit us on any occasion.

Faternally,

T. J. Blankenship,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ALPHA.

WEST VIRGINIA BETA.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Meets every Tuesday 7:00 P. M. in chapter house, 509 Front Street, Morgantown, W. Va.

To all sister chapters West Virginia Beta sends Christmas greetings. At this time of year things are very quiet at W. V. U. The usual

winter sport basket ball is not played here as no suitable floor is obtainable.

We have just completed the mid semester examinations and the Sigma Phi Epsilon men came through with the usual good grades.

On December 16, the Chapter held its Christmas smoker. Several members of the faculty were our guests for the evening. The guests and members were entertained at cards until 10 o'clock when the dining room doors were thrown open and a lunch was served.

West Virginia Beta will initiate into the mysteries of Sigma Phi Epsilon eight pledges at the beginning of next semester. The Pan-Hellenic rules require a "Prep" to have credit for fifteen hours work before he can be initiated, but as our "Preps" are always among the best students we have no fear of any of them "flunking."

Our bowling team under the leadership of Brother Kersting is at the head of the league and we will no doubt hold the cup within the next few weeks.

The nine fraternities here are organizing a basket ball league and our team will easily be one of the leaders.

Our letter men on the football team are Taylor, Henrie and Brooks.

In closing we repeat, "Don't forget that we are always glad to welcome a brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

*Fillmore Compton,
Chapter Historian.*

W. VA. BETA.

COLORADO ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Meeting every Monday at the chapter house, 1135 11th St., at 7:15 P. M.,
Boulder, Colo.

Since writing our last letter and finishing up our rushing Colorado Alpha has settled down to solid and profitable study in order to maintain her place in University and Sigma Phi Epsilon circles in an earnest endeavor to be a lasting credit to both. We are more than pleased with the diligence with which our Freshmen are applying themselves in their work and the record that they are attaining from a scholastic standpoint which will compare very favorably with that of the fraternity as a whole.

However, we have not become so deeply absorbed in our work as to neglect the social side of the fraternity. On November 9th following the initiation for all thirteen of our pledges, a nicely appointed banquet was held at the Boulderado Hotel which was followed by toasts by both a number of the alumni and the active men.

On the 21st of November the Denver Alumni Chapter gave a banquet to the active men of Colorado Beta and Colorado Alpha which was held at the Albany Hotel. This was the largest gathering of Sigma Phi Epsilons that has ever been held in Colorado and needless to say every brother enjoyed himself thoroughly. At this affair a number of matters were taken up not only of local interest but the fraternity as a whole as well. Among the things discussed by Toastmaster Koonsman, Grand Treasurer Wingett and E. V. Dunklee was "Western Expansion, in

which the Alumni showed how thoroughly they were behind this movement and the results already obtained.

On December 9th, the Denver Alumni in conjunction with Colorado Alpha and Beta gave an informal dinner in honor of Grand President Griffin and Grand Treasurer Wingett in Denver after which they visited with Colorado Alpha for several hours. Our only regret is that we are not favored with longer and more frequent visits from two such jolly and helpful men.

Our next social function, contrary to our usual custom of holding a Christmas dinner-dance, will be held the first week following the first semester finals and is to be in the nature of a post-final affair.

Among the initiates of November 9th, but not mentioned in our last letter and in whom we take great pleasure in introducing to the brothers is:—

Arthur Howard Warner, Coll. '17, Boulder, Colo.

This fall on the football field were found several Sigma Phi Epsilons. On the varsity squad we had Brothers Sheehan and "Pete" Nelson. "Pete" was the star punter for the Varsity this season and though being out of school a year succeeded not only in snatching his "C" but played spectacular ball throughout the season and his boot set the ball spinning over the post of the Rocky Mountain Championship.

On the Freshmen team under the coaching of Bro. McFadden, were Bros. Dabelich (capt.) and Clark, both of whom acquitted themselves nicely. McFadden is now coaching the Varsity basket ball squad. Dunklee, who last year unfortunately broke his arm at the first of the season, will very likely make his letter on the floor.

In school activities along other lines we have Bros. Floyd Odum, who again this year is managing the Dramatic Club, W. M. King and C. Cline on the debating squad, and N. M. Fritchman who is holding the Vice-Presidency of the Y. M. C. A.

From the brothers of a musical turn of mind, we have organized a S. P. E. mandolin club composed of Bros. Fritchman, King, Heaton and Weber. The "Quartet" rendered a concert in Chapel and from all reports gave a good imitation of "Samuel Seigel" However, this is not official.

The Chapter is indeed glad to have with us this year Bros. Reed, from Ohio Gamma and Sam R. Howe, from Colorado Beta, whom we heartily welcome to our ranks.

From all indications from our sister chapters we all are to have a very prosperous year in the fraternity and together with Colo Beta, Colo Alpha wishes to take her place along all school activities in Colorado and Sigma Phi Epsilon. We hope that all the brothers will spend a very cheerful and satisfactory Christmas and vacation. Should any of the brothers stray into Colorado, we want them to remember that "we have lost the key" to the chapter house.

Fraternally Yours,

Lester E. Weber.
Historian.

COLORADO ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA DELTA.**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.**

Meets every Tuesday at 7 P. M. at Chapter House, 3745 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

This letter comes at an opportune time for Penn. Delta; and, owing to the fact that the general fraternity pledge day hasn't arrived, it will be rather merged in local chapter news.

Since our last letter, Brother Graham has been elected an associate Editor of the Punch Bowl, and Brothers A. Littleton, Wooley, and Hallowell have made the Musical and Glee Clubs respectively.

Brother A. Littleton has been elected Secretary of the Sophomore Class in College, and Brother Mancill elected president of the Senior Class in Law. Brother Windom has been elected Treasurer of the Sophomore Class in Architecture. Brothers Mitchell, McGrath and Wooley are out for the Wrestling Team.

Brother Schwert is on the 1914 Class Fund Committee, Orchestra Committee and Ivy Ball Committee. Brother Shirey is out for assistant Basket Ball Manager. Brothers R. Littleton and Given are out for the Class Record.

On Thanksgiving Day we gave our usual Thanksgiving Dinner and Tea after the Cornell Game, and were plesed to have visit us from New York Beta, Brothers R. E. Ogden, E. G. Lawson, W. H. Deickmann, P. E. Endmer, F. E. Heidel, W. H. Bangleer, and a pledge Mr. Ralph Hicks; and from Delaware Alpha, Brother J. W. McCafferty and N. A. Groves. Besides these many of our Alumni Brothers were back, including Brothers M. M. Vance, Dr. E. P. Longacre, E. E. Mitchell, Bob. Garrett, Chas. Ackley, Chas. Boyd, Caleb Brinton, Bob. Diemer and Brother Caminera of Virginia Eta, also paid us a short visit.

We take this opportunity to introduce to our Sister Chapters, Initiated December 9, Merle Chesterfield Reed, Whar., '17, Phillipsburg, Pa., and at the same t me wish them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally Yours,

Frank H. Mancill,
Chapter Historian.

PENN. DELTA.

VIRGINIA DELTA.**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY.**

Meets every Friday, 11:00 P. M., at Chapter House, Williamsburg, Va.

Again we wish to send greetings to our sister chapters, and hope they all have enjoyed a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday. During the holiday we gave an informal dance at our Chapter House. We made it a point to have at th's dance our pledges, prospective candidates, and also representatives from each of the other fraternities in college. The holiday was made more enjoyable for us by a visit on Sunday from our Grand President. Brother Griffin gave the Chapter a short

talk, which we all enjoyed and took to heart. We sincerely hope that he may find it possible to visit us again in the near future.

Since our last writing, we have to introduce one more new brother, who has been initiated into the mysteries of our brotherhood:

November 7, 1913:

Richard Eugene Paddock Ham, A. B., '17, Spring Lake Beach, N. J.

Though glad to introduce brother Ham, we are indeed sorry to say that he has been forced to leave college on account of sickness. What short time brother Ham was with us he proved himself to be a real college "Curler" and will be surely missed by all. He succeeded in getting a poem into the issue of the Literary Magazine. If nothing further prevents his return, we expect him with us again in February at the beginning of the next college term.

A little matter was overlooked in the first letter that may well be mentioned now as it may be of interest to some who read the Journal. We began the year with seven old members, have initiated one, and have seven pledges.

Since our last correspondence with the Journal we have been visited by several alumni brothers. Brother Powell, one of them was initiated at Virginia Zeta, then went to Georgetown, and then to District of Columbia Alpha, where he graduated in law. He is now claim agent for the Norfolk & Southern Ry., and is located at Newbern, North Carolina. The local alumni that visited us were Brothers Blackwell, Cato, Crosswell, Games, H. B. Blackwell, Pitt, Gale and cooper.

Before closing we wish to extend to every brother of the Sigma Phi Epsilon our most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

E. Ralph James,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA DELTA.

NORTH CAROLINA BETA.

NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

Meets every Sunday at 2 P. M., in 1911 Dormitory, West Raleigh, N. C.

For the second time this season, North Carolina Beta greets her sister chapters through the medium of the Journal, and wishes she could greet each brother separately.

Since our last letter we have been very fortunate in finding three more men, whom we have initiated into the secrets of Sigma Phi Epsilon, and we are sure they will prove worthy wearers of the Sacred Heart. We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large, the following brothers:

Initiated November 16:

George Garland Hendricks, Jr., 1915, C. E., Greensboro, N. C.

Paul Noble Howard, 1915, C. E., Kinston, N. C.

Initiated December 4:

Herman Elton Winston, 1916, Tex., Youngsville, N. C.

Brothers Hendricks and Howard are both very popular men in

college and we feel very proud of having them. Brother Winston is right tackle on the varsity foot-ball team and is the regular catcher on the varsity base-ball team. He is also very prominent in all college activities.

This chapter enjoyed the visit of Brother Griffin and Phillips, our Grand President and Secretary, on December 2, and the talks they gave us were greatly enjoyed. They left here for Atlanta to visit the Georgia Alpha Chapter.

A. & M. closed her foot-ball season by defeating Washington and Lee University in Norfolk Thanksgiving. This victory gave us the South Atlantic Championship. Brother Winston was one of the stars in the game.

During the past two months we have had visits from Brothers Bond and Bundy, of N. C. Gamma.

We received an invitation from N. C. Gamma to come to their annual supper to be given at the County Club on December 6. Brothers Howard and Pinner will represent our chapter. We have also received invitations from other chapters, and although it is impossible for any of us to be there, the invitations are greatly appreciated.

Again we wish to mention the visit of Brothers Griffin and Phillips, and we sincerely hope that they will come our way again soon. It is a treat to have them with us, and to hear them talk is an inspiration to our members.

Wishing all the chapters and the Alumni a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are,

Fraternally,

R. A. Jones,

Chapter Historian.

N. C. BETA.

OHIO ALPHA.

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Monday evening at 10:00 o'clock, in Chapter House,
517 South Gilbert Street, Ada, Ohio.

Ohio Alpha greets her sister chapters and as always, wishes them unbounded success throughout the remainder of the college year.

Prospects in our chapter are very encouraging as Sigma Phi Epsilon stands foremost in athletics and scholastic honors at Northern. In the football season that has just closed, we find that the team has grown from a nucleus of old men, into a team that can well wear its battle scars with honor, as they have most certainly acquitted themselves like veterans. We had a fine representation on the varsity. Brothers Boesgar, McGannon, Hill and Niswander each played their respective positions of Center, Right Guard, Right End and Left Half with great credit to themselves, and although Brother Boesgar sustained a broken nose and Brother McGannon broke several ribs, they stayed with the game and played to the finish of the season. We also had two men on the Reserves and as this is their first year in school and first trial at college football, they are also deserving of credit and

next year we look forward to their representing Northern on the Varsity eleven. Brother "Skeet" Hill will represent us on the Basket Ball floor this winter, as last year he "made good," and is now one of the most valuable men on the squad. In baseball we have two men on the team and several more of the brothers have signified their intentions, this early, of getting out and hustling as soon as the weather permits so as to be in on the ground floor when spring practice commences.



HARRY B. HILL
Ohio Alpha,
Varsity Foot Ball Center.



GEORGE A. BOESGER
Ohio Alpha,
Varsity Foot Ball Right End.

In spite of the disastrous fire that visited the University last semester the classes were continued with no delay and we are just now recovering from the final examinations in which we all came out on top. The new term has just commenced and the brothers are drifting back from their Thanksgiving recess and all report a very pleasant time spent in their respective homes.

On Hallowe'en eve we entertained with a formal party which was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The house was fittingly decorated for the occasion and an evening of entertainment was followed by a dinner served in the spacious dinning hall in which forty-two couples were seated and partook of the tempting Hallowe'en menu which was served.

We are pleased to present the following new members:

Initiated October 27, 1913:

Howard Pratt Warner, E. E., '14, Richwood, Ohio.



W. D. NISUANDER
Ohio Alpha,

Varsity Foot Ball. Left Half Back.



FRANK E. ECGANNON
Ohio Alpha,

Varsity Foot Ball. Right Guard.

Initiated November 24, 1913:

Harry Bray Hill, B. S. C., '14, Ada, Ohio.

Initiated December 14, 1913:

George Ray Lambert, M. E., '16, Beaver, W. Va.

Donald Tremellen Davis, C. E., '16, Johnstown, Penn.
 Arthur Corwin Shepherd, LL. B., '16, Barnesville Ohio.
 Arden Holley Dawson, LL. B., '15, Clarksburg, Ohio.
 Harry Ernest Kurz, C. E., '15, Youngstown, Ohio.

These are the kind of men that ever do credit to our beloved fraternity while in school and in the years of life, after they have received their diplomas and go out to battle with the world.

We have received visits from the following brothers since our last letter: Brother A. Stambaugh, who has recently hung out his shingle in Cleveland; Brother L. B. Smith, who is employed by the city of Rochester, N. Y.; Brother W. J. Hazeltine, who is with the city of Mansfield, Ohio; Bro. L. V. Shepherd, who is located with the Goodyear Co., at Akron; Brother R. Kirk Mee of Hamilton, Ohio; and Brother L. Wismer of Bowling Green, Ohio. We greatly enjoy these visits from the Alumni brothers and wish that more could come and stay with us, as their hints are always beneficial and we know that they will always find a warm welcome awaiting them when they come back to "their old home" at Northern.

We look forward with pleasurable expectation to the visit from our Grand President.

We extend to all our brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon best Christmas wishes and wish them a Happy and successful New Year.

Fraternally,

C. R. Liddle.

Chapter Historian.

OHIO ALPHA.

INDIANA ALPHA.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M., at Chapter House, 102 Thornell Street, West La Fayette, Ind.

Indiana Alpha sends the seasons' greetings to all her sister Chapters hoping that the coming year will be a Prosperous, as well as a Happy year.

The Chapter roll has changed somewhat since our last letter, Brothers Cooper and Ritchie having withdrawn from school. In addition to the seven fine pledges gotten early in the fall, we have two more promising freshmen and hope to introduce the bunch to the fraternity in our next letter.

The Alumni reception and dance of October 17 and 18, was a great success and will in all probability be made an annual event.

In athletics and other college activities, Indiana Alpha is well represented.

Brother La Porte was recently elected captain of the 1914 varsity cross-country team. He ran in the conference cross-country race, held at Ohio State University this year, finishing well up among the leaders of a large field of entrants.

Brother Murray was again elected captain and manager of the 1914 class football team, and his heady playing at quarter-back brought him the deserved honor of captain and quarter-back on the all-star

class team. Brother Griner also won his numerals on the senior team at fullback.

In Preparation for the base-ball season, Brother Daley has joined the wrestling squad and we expect the peppery Irishman to make a very creditable showing in the spring athletic tournament.

Pledge Waldemaire is proving to be a comer in distance running, his showing in the Nichol Cup run being very good.

Pledges Lynn and McEwen are making strong bids for the freshman basketball team, and bid fair to place before the opening game.

We have been very successful in college and class political activities as our representation on various committees will testify.

Brother La Porte was lately elected secretary of the Purdue Athletic Association, while Brothers Schmidt and Murray were at the same time elected members of the P. A. A. insigna board. Brother Daley is a member of the junior class insigna board and Brother Griner fills a similar position in the senior class.

In the "Purdue Army," Brother Jones holds the responsible position of captain of Company E. He is also one of the officers and organizers of the Purdue Canoe Club. This body is experiencing a rapid growth, the beautiful Wabash offering ideal facilities for the clubs pleasure trips.

On Thanksgiving eve, we held our annual Thanksgiving dance at the chapter house and on Thanksgiving afternoon banqueted our guests, many of whom were from out of town. Plates were set for seventy and the rooms, beautifully decorated with palms and chrysanthemums and lighted by the mellow glow of candles made a very favorable impression on all present. Much of the enjoyment of the evening was due to the untiring efforts of Brothers Clarke, Jones and LaPorte, who had charge of all arrangements, and they may justly feel proud of their handiwork.

Brothers Benner '13, and Becker ex-'14 have just recently joined the already long list of Indiana Alpha's married members. Brother Hughes' marriage is announced for the latter part of December and several others among the Brothers have lately shown suspicious symptoms of the "Benedictine" fever.

We wish to introduce to the fraternity at large our latest initiate,

Hubert Scott Rice, Agricultural, '16. North Manchester, Ind.

Brother Rice is interested in journalistic work and may be expected to be heard from in his connection with the college daily, The Purdue Exponent.

Brother Coffin and Pledge Waldsmith are members of the university Glee Club which has just returned from a trip to Chicago where it gave a concert before the members of the Indiana _____ Several concert tours to cities in adjoining States are contemplated and the brothers expect to derive considerable pleasure from their connection with the club.

Following their schedule very closely, Brothers Griffin and Phillips, grand president and secretary, visited our chapter on December 14th. They acquainted us with the news from other chapters and also gave a very interesting discussion of the fraternity situation, its demands, needs and expectations. We were only sorry that their stay was neces-

sarily so short for many matters of importance were not touched on, due to lack of time.

Again wishing our sister chapters success we remain,
Fraternally yours,

O. E. Griner,

Chapter Historian.

INDIANA ALPHA.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Meets every Friday, 7:30 P. M., in Chapter House, 303 Waverly Ave.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Since our last letter, New York Alpha has had a successful rushing season; six active Freshmen and one honorary member are now wearing the heart, while one other fine man is pledged.

This fall our chapter has been quite active socially as well as in other branches of college life. On October 14th, 40 couples thoroughly enjoyed themselves, at an informal party given to the pledges at Snell's Hall. Under the efficient direction of Brother Rulison it was a great success. Eleven days later, October 25th, 50 brothers active, alumni, and visiting, sat at our annual initiation banquet at the Yates Hotel. At that time we received an impetus, an addition to the ever present fighting, "get-there" spirit of Sigma Phi Epsilon, which we will remember throughout the year. Then just before Thanksgiving vacation, when we were so glad to see so many alumni back, Brother Campbell successfully engineered an informal party at the chapter house.

Last year we used to play our interfraternity baseball games at six A. M., but the fellows went one better this fall, when the seniors were defeated in a memorable football game to the tune of 6-0, by a team selected from the rest of the fraternity.

In college activities Sigma Phi Epsilon at Syracuse is well represented this fall and will be this winter. Brother Clark made his "aSa" in football playing in four games. If the bad early snow storm that hit the west, had held off two days longer, Sigma Phi Epsilon without a doubt would have claimed the champion prohibition orator of the United States. As it is Brother C. O. Moore, champion of N. Y. State, although delayed by the snow in going to Cleveland, O., was awarded first place on the composition and thought of his essay. Brother Moore has also made the cast of the "Witching Hour" to be played by Boar's Head in Senior week. As a veteran debator he has again been chosen for the Varsity debate team. In the college of Applied Science, Brother Campbell has been elected secretary of the local branch of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Brother Filiatrault has helped make our cheering at football games the best it has been in years. Brother Axtmann is president of the pedagogical club, and his "wife," "Kink" Rulison, is treasurer of the geology club. Brother Baker, the veteran and "Pinkie" Brown are making good on the varsity basket-ball squad. On the junior executive committee we have Brother Gordon Hoople, while Brother Douglas serves in like manner on the sophomore committee. Brother Douglas is doing good work as an associate editor of

the Orange, and is hustling with Brother Sutton for a place on the 1916 Onondagan Board.

We are glad to introduce to the fraternity at large the following brothers, initiated October 25th:

Charles James Gilmore, Arch't '17, Dexter, N. Y.
 Floyd Henry White, B. S., '17, Rheinbeck, N. Y.
 Arvid Rudolf Eckberg, M. E. '17, Jamestown, N. Y.
 Kenneth T. Cookingham, For. '17, Rheinbeck, N. Y.
 Leonard C. Kenyon, M. E. '17, Syracuse, N. Y.
 Rev. William Howard Hoople, Hon., Brooklyn, N. Y.
 J. Stanley Brown, A. B., '17, Granville, N. Y.

We are proud of these men, and know they are true Sigma Phi Epsilons for they are showing the right spirit. Brother "Slats" Gilmore is tooting his cornet in the University Band, having beaten out upper-classmen for the position. He is also on the frosh basket-ball squad and a member of the architectural club. Brother White is an accomplished violinist playing in the University Orchestra. He is also making good on the freshman basket-ball squad. Brother Eckberg is a regular reporter for the Daily Orange. Brother Cookingham is out to make the frosh basket-ball team or bust. Brother Brown is a member of the frosh debate team and also serves on the freshman executive committee which will try to hold its banquet before Christmas vacation.

In closing we are glad to greet Col. Beta and Tenn. Alpha as brothers and wish you the greatest success in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Matthew E. Conklin.
Chapter Historian.

N. Y. ALPHA.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Saturday night at 10:00 P. M., in Chapter House, No. 5 University Place, Lexington, Virginia.

The Fall term of College is slowly drawing to an end with Virginia Epsilon enjoying the fullest prosperity. There is little that can be said concerning anything new or strange in the life of the chapter at this time, except that our new home is proving to be the best asset that we could have, and has added a great deal to our fraternal life.

The foot-ball season has ended with Washington and Lee ranking among the first in the contest for the South Atlantic Championship. Our team suffered but one defeat during the entire season and our goal line was crossed but once. Had it not been for the one touch down scored by North Carolina A. & M. our title to the championship would have been undisputed, but that unfortunate occurrence made the question so very complicated that very few have ventured to express an opinion as to who should enjoy that high distinction.

During the last few days Lexington has been gently besieged and willingly conquered by a bevy of those highly desirable creatures known to modern college life as, "visiting girls" who came to attend the Thanksgiving dances at V. M. I. and Washington and Lee. Brothers Loughran and Caminero represented S. P. E. at those social events and

covered themselves with glory 'tis said. But now they give value received for their hours of joy by spending all the long autumn afternoons in the "Law house" and laboratories.

On the Campus, Xmas is the chief topic of conversation, and thoughts of the near approaching season of idleness and festivity fill every mind. And I think some of the brothers have visions of mistletoe and maidens and—well, the old time story.

Recently the chapter was honored by a visit by Grand Secretary William L. Phillips and we wish to say that we could have wished for nothing more enjoyable than the time he spent with us, and we sincerely hope that he will come again soon.

In closing Virginia Epsilon extends heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a bright future to all sister chapters and every brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

A Weldell Mann,
Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA EPSILON.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

RANDOLH MACON COLLEGE

Meets every Saturday night at 11 P. M. at Chapter House, Ashland, Virginia.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we greet again the Chapters of the Fraternity, and we hope that each has been enjoying the best of success.

Since our last letter to the Journal the brothers in Virginia Zeta have been hustling along all lines. The writer represented the chapter on the Varsity eleven, which was managed by Brother Pope to the satisfaction of all. Randolph-Macon was not so successful this season as in former ones, but still she made a wonderful showing, considering our schedule included games with Georgetown and Virginia. Now that winter has set in, what was lost in football will be made up in basketball. Brother Walker is captain of the quintette, and is easily the star. In the forensic line, Brothers Honnecutt and Copley are on preliminaries for the Richmond College and William and Mary debates. Let us hope these Brothers will bring honor to Randolph-Macon and to the glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The most interesting event of the autumn season was the annual Thanksgiving Oyster Roast, given at the Chapter house Friday evening November 28, from 8:30 to 12:00. The Chapter house was decorated in the colors of the Fraternity, with Japanese lanterns lighting the lawn. The young ladies of the town were invited, also fair ones from Petersburg, Drewryville, Richmond and Norfolk. Mesdames Carr and Maury chaperoned the occasion, and it was pronounced by all as being the swellest affair in the history of the Chapter.

On the evening of October 18th we initiated the two following brothers:

Edwin Burton McLaughlin, A. B. '16, Hollins, Va.

John Marshe Parker, A. B. '17, Nashville, Tenn.

Brother Parker is a promising freshman, whom we think will make

a strong man, while Brother McLaughlin is a sophomore, and has already proven himself worthy of becoming a member.

We were very glad indeed to have with us at our meeting Saturday, November 29, our Grand President and Secretary. It was a treat to have a message from the wise heads of our great Fraternity, and we received an inspiration that shall mean much to our success in the future. We promise our hearty co-operation to the work that is being advocated by our leaders.

Randolph-Macon is facing the first term examinations, and all find themselves busy. We hope to keep up our precedent for high scholarship. Four brothers are members of the senior class.

With best wishes for the Christmas holidays.

Fraternally,

E. L. Copley,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ZETA.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

GEORGIA SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY.

Meets every Saturday night at 8:00 P. M., Chapter House, 14 W. North Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

To all her sister chapters, Georgia Alpha sends the top o' the seasons greetings, and may this New Year be the dawn of the brightest era that has ever come to both individual brothers and to the Fraternity as a whole. Our past few months have been most successful, and we are looking forward to the New Year to bring us honors we have not yet held. We are in a pretty happy state of mind, though not over confident by any means, for we are encountering much opposition from our "competitors," and we cite the following as reasons for our condition:

During the past foot-ball season, we have had several men on the Varsity squad, of whom Brother Paul Beard made his letter. Another honor in athletics for Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Now that the Varsity games are over, class foot-ball and basket-ball are occupying the attention of the men. Here again, Sigma Phi Epsilon is well represented, having the following men working on this phase of activities: Brothers Broadnax, Hope and Struppa, with Brother Struppa making a strong bid for a place on the Varsity.

One of the greatest events of the year, to which we all look forward, is the first performance of the Dramatic Club this year, which will occur on December 19th. This club was started and gave its first performance last year, due to the unceasing efforts of Brother M. Milner, in organizing and promoting the project, in the face of discouraging opposition. The men taking part in these performances are given "Shingles," corresponding to the letters given for athletics. In the cast, we are represented by Brother Dunwody, who was given the title role; by Brothers Gayle and Broadnax as two of the four principles, and also by Brothers Hope, Stanley and Yopp, who are holding down important parts.

Neither are we lacking in musical talent, for playing in the band are Brothers Harris and Yopp, while Brother Yopp and Brother Whitner ably represent us in the orchestra. Also, judging by the various

noises that emanate from the Chapter house at unearthly hours of the day and night, we are positive that when the call for Glee Club candidates is sounded, Georgia Alpha will furnish many who are at least "aspirants."

With all our other interests, we have not for a moment slighted our social activities, and during the past fall, we have held several dances, which proved absolute successes and pleased every person who attended. Notable among our dances was the one given in honor of the visiting brothers from Auburn, on the night of November 22, just after they had sewed up the S. I. A. A. championship by defeating the University of Georgia. Many of the brothers from this, our nearest sister chapter, were present, and we were delighted to have the opportunity of entertaining them.

One of our new brothers who has been initiated since the beginning of school, is Brother Robert A. Shackelford, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who now holds the presidency of the senior class. This, though the most important, is not the only office we have gained this year Brother Bradley is vice-president of the sophomore class, while Brother Beard and Brother Gayle hold the offices of secretary and treasurer and representative on the Honor Court, from the same class. Brother Malone is honor representative from the Junior class, and Brother Milner from the senior class, and Brother Gayle holds the vice-presidency of the Literary Society.

On October 26th to 30th, there was held in Athens, Ga., a Y. M. C. A. convention, to which delegates were sent from nearly all the Southern colleges. Again Sigma Phi Epsilon came to the front with four delegates, Brothers Smith, Stanley, Burrus, and Gayle.

We are right on the job, and we are truly working for the advancement and glory of Sigma Phi Epsilon. ..

At the time of writing, we have freshly and indelibly imprinted on our minds and hearts, the visit of Brothers Phillips and Griffin. Never in all our lives have we had such inspiring addresses on fraternities in general and Sigma Phi Epsilon in particular. Brother Griffin gave us a deep intense talk on the seriousness of fraternities and of Sigma Phi Epsilon especially, and today, we all sincerely feel that we appreciate this question as we never did before. It has helped us to realize better just what Sigma Phi Epsilon means to us, and we to it. He made us see and understand better, its aims and ambitions, so that in the future, we can be sure that we can become better and truer men, in every sense of the word, and thus be "Truer" Sigma Phi Epsilons.

Again, Georgia Alpha wishes to extend most hearty good-will and best wishes to all her sister chapters. May you all be ever happy, prosperous, and true to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Thos. C. Whitner.
Chapter Historian.

GEORGIA ALPHA.

DELAWARE ALPHA.

DELAWARE STATE COLLEGE.

Meets every Wednesday at 7 P. M., at Chapter House, Newark, Delaware.

Delaware Alpha is now in the midst of a very busy season. Every brother is looking forward to our annual dance which takes place this session on the 9th of January. We hope to introduce several new features, among them being a Sigma Phi Epsilon figure and special dance, somewhat similar to those given in the south, but something distinctly new in the north.

We are always glad to have brothers at our dance, and hope to have some of them at our dance this year.

We are entering upon an entirely new project this month. Up to the present time the chapter house has been managed by one of the house men. But now we have secured a matron who is to have rooms in the house, and will superintend the dining room, and at the same time keep the house in much better condition than college students are capable of doing. This is a new thing for Delaware Alpha but we are expecting very good results.

On Halloween we gave a small informal dance in the chapter house. The rooms were tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and other things appropriate for Halloween.

Brother McCafferty will manage the basket-ball team this year, and Sigma Phi Epsilon will no doubt be represented on the team.

Delaware Alpha did much better in football this season than last. We were represented on the Varsity by Brothers Carswell, half back; Loomis, guard; and Groff, left end. Brother Groff made the only touchdown against Dickinson, which is our big game. At this game many of our Alumni were present, also Brother Sproule of Colorado Alpha.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is well represented at the head of the cadet corps by Brother Loomis who is Major of the Battalion. Brother Groves is the leader of the band.

The material for fraternity men in the freshman class was very much more limited than it has been for several years. Since our last letter we have taken in one member who comes to us from the architectural department of the University of Pennsylvania, and we take pleasure in introducing to the Fraternity at large, initiated November 12, 1913:

Edward William Martin, '17, Special, Wilmington, Del.

As vacat'ion is approaching we extend our very best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year to every brother in Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

DELAWARE ALPHA.

W. L. Forber, Jr.,

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ETA

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.

Meets every Sunday 12:45 P. M., in Fraternity Rooms, Charlottesville, Virginia.

We lay aside the more arduous duties of the study of law to send Virginia Eta's greetings to her sister chapters. Exams are drawing near when with fear and trembling all the young men are setting about with their noses to the grindstone in a final effort to get by this their first and hardest term of the year.

Our goating season is over. We are proud to say that our effort met with better success than usual this year. We started with a good big chapter and so far have added four men to the list. Two of these were initiated early in October. The other two will be led through the holy mysteries on next Saturday night. We take great pleasure in announcing to the Fraternity at large the names of the two new brothers. The other two will have to be saved over until the March Journal.

Rodney Clarence Berry, Chemistry, 16. Harrisonburg, Va.

Hugh Loftus Murrel, Law, 16. Elizabeth, Tenn.

We feel proud of both of these brothers and feel sure that they will uphold the honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon at Virginia.

We regret very much to say good-bye to Brother H. A. Murrill, who came to us this fall from V. M. I. He quickly became one of us and was a much esteemed member of our chapter. However, he received an offer to serve as commandant at a Florida military school, and decided to give up his work here.

The "Big Smile" was with us a few weeks ago. Brother Phillips was a most welcome visitor. We wish he might come oftener and stay longer.

The announcement of the award of Varsity "V's" shows Jim Gillette heading the list of ends. Jim's work this year was sensational and went far towards making the team a success.

There was quite a reunion of brothers in Richmond Thanksgiving. Among the old alumni there were Griffith, Ashby, Palmer, Doughty and McCue. Brother Wall also paid us a visit this fall. It is a great pleasure to have the alumni and visitors from other chapters with us. The latch string is always on the outside.

Brother Bosman is doing good work on the new Virginia Law Review.

Again the law calls us. We must away. Best greetings for the Christmas season to all.

Fraternally,

J. W. Harris.

Chapter Historian.

VIRGINIA ETA.

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS.

Meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. in Chapter Rooms, 346 Arkansas Ave. Fayetteville, Ark.

Since our last letter to the Journal we have had many happenings of interest to us. The most important of which was the recent visit by

our Grand Secretary Brother W. L. Phillips. Although his visit was of short duration, yet he gave us many beneficial suggestions along fraternity lines and the working of Sigma Phi Epsilon in general.

We are now very busy preparing for the second six weeks tests. During last year we lead the seven fraternities in the University in scholarship and this gives us a great inspiration to continue the good work.

We are pleased to introduce to the Fraternity at large the following initiates: Initiated November 10,

Eric Peyton Fletcher, Eng., '16, Osceola, Ark.

Initiated December 5:

Timothy Page Applegate, Eng., '17, Rogers, Ark.

Ivan Bungor Williams, Eng., '16, Fayetteville, Ark.

We consider ourselves exceedingly fortunate in getting these men as they are exceptionally good students and jolly good fellows in every respect. We feel certain that these men will prove themselves a valuable asset to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The University of Arkansas has just finished a very successful season in foot-ball. Arkansas Alpha was ably represented by Brother Ratliff, who won his second Varsity letter at right tackle, and by Jake Cook, a pledge, at quarter, who was the star of the season.

In the Junior-Senior foot-ball game Brother Stout played right half and Brother E. T. Cook played quarter-back. These men were largely responsible for the overwhelming defeat of the Juniors.

A short time ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Brother Clyde M. Bennett, C. E., of West Virginia Beta, who is now located in Little Rock, Ark.

Wishing all much success, we are,
Fraternally,

E. C. Bonner.

Chapter Historian.

ARKANSAS ALPHA.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Monday 7:30 P. M., at Chapter House, So. Bethlehem, Pa.

To date we have initiated into the Fraternity the following four men who have come to us with excellent records. They are:

John Orth Liebig, Met., '14, Sparrows Point, Md.

Albert French Ennis, C. E., '15, Bradford, N. H.

Frank Leland Benscoter, M. E., '17, Carbondale, Pa.

Scott Raymond Johnson, M. E., '17, Wheeling, W. Va.

Things are progressing finely around the house, even the underclassmen have caught the spirit and are out for college activities. Brother Baldwin has been elected to the presidency of the Minstrel Show; he has also had an additional honor in being one of the pledges to Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity which is a distinctly Lehigh activity as it was founded here.

We have just passed through a most successful season in football, out of a total of eight games played we lost three to worthy competitors, viz., Yale, Navy and the Indians. The total points scored were 150 to 100 of our opponents. This is a fine showing when one considers the

calibre of the teams played. Brother Wuchter was out for the team and was successful in getting a berth on the scrubs; no doubt he will be given a better chance this coming year to show his ability.

The one game on which our hopes rested was that with Lafayette. It was a fiercely fought game for during one period our men blocked three attempted field goals which, had they been successful, would have spelt our defeat. At the psychological moment our quarter, a Texas boy, heaved the pigskin to Keady, a member of the "wrecking crew," who needed a seven-yard run around left end for a touchdown.

A number of the alumni were back to the game and their spirits were running a trifle high, due to the victory and the prospects of the Sigma Phi Eps'lon banquet in the evening. This was held at a local hotel in the Bethlehems. Twenty-five covers were laid and we all sat down to one of the most enjoyable and successful banquets that the house has ever held. The moments were well spent for the alumni came back strong with their impromptu toasts and considerable time was spent in the discussion of our building fund. It has been revived and we have the hopes of seeing Sigma Phi Epsilon before many moons in a new house on the campus.

The following Sunday a big feed was tendered the remaining alumni at the house, and on Monday the college at large was given a half holiday. This was done to give ample time for the getting of wood to build a monster bonfire on Old South Mountain. The fire fully came up to our expectations, for we are told that the Lafayette boys saw the glare of flames even at Easton, 11 miles away.

In closing let me add a byword, that any Sigma Phi Eps'lon brother who happens to tap this region would no doubt find it worth his while if he would but pay us a visit.

Fraternally,

J. S. Clark.

Chapter Historian.

PENNSYLVANIA EPSILON.

OHIO GAMMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Meets every two weeks at Chapter House, 1550 Neil Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

The switch has been closed and the machinery of the big University is again at work after the short respite afforded by the Thanksgiving recess. The hoppers, crowded with the raw material, are gradually being emptied and the finished product slowly approaches its completion. The humorous strain of Artemus Ward's famous saying that "Time passes on. Perhaps you've noticed how time passes on. It is a sort of habit time has of passing on, "is lost by the awful truthfulness of the thing. The first milestone in the patch of the college year has been reached and passed.

But this is not to be a treatise on the shortness of life; only a chapter letter.

When a college man talks of college affairs, he most always reverts, first of all, to football. Because we are a college man(?) and the season

so recently closed, we turn at once to that, the greatest of collegiate activities. The students of "Ohio State" are still singing the praises of their football team, and, not without cause. The showing made in our initial appearance in "The Western Conference" was quite beyond expectation. Only an ill-timed fumble kept us from beating Indiana 6-0, instead of the actual 6-7. Wisconsin realized that the "new kid" Ohio was of the scrappy kind and not to be bullied. Northwestern will probably refuse any intercourse with Ohio next year in consideration of their near annihilation here. That was State's grand finale played "crescendo" in double time, 58-0.

Ohio Gamma points with pride to two of her battle scarred heroes and bids the world do homage, etc., to Brothers Geissman and Hobt. "Big Boy Geis," as he is popularly designated here, claimed the honor of being Captain of the team. As a testimony of his worth, he was again chosen as one of the All-Ohio mythical eleven and in addition received a place on one of the All Western selections. This year ends Geissman's football career. It will be with a very reluctant feeling that we will take leave of him after graduation next spring.

Our other, Brother Hobt (called "Hobby"), has been a player of unusual promise and execution. As halfback he has, at different times, got away for long runs and twice has crossed the line for counters. He distinguished himself in the Northwestern game by making the longest run seen on Ohio Field this year, scoring a touchdown and clinching his letter. He has two more years to play, and great things are expected of him next year. The two men above also have positions on the Soccer team.

The rest of the bunch are keeping up the other branches which go to make up a well rounded chapter.

Our enrollment has been decreased by the departure of Bros. Cutler and Schafer. They both expect to be back in school next year.

Socially, Ohio Gamma has been fairly active. The dance for the pledges, the Halloween house party, smokers etc., have helped to maintain our reputation in that line.

Ohio Gamma has seemed to be a Mecca for a number of brothers the past few weeks, being honored by visits by Brother Curl, of D. C. Alpha, Brother Meuller of N. Y. Beta, Bro. Mitchell of Ohio Alpha and Michigan Alpha, and Brothers McGannon and Wilbur of Ohio Alpha. The latch string is always out waiting to be used.

In conclusion, Ohio Gamma wishes her sister chapters the success that has been theirs in the past.

Fraternally,

Earl Huffer,
Chapter Historian.

OHIO GAMMA.

VERMONT ALPHA.

NORWICH UNIVERSITY.

Meets every other Sunday, 2 P. M., in Chapter House, Northfield, Vt.

It is with pleasure that Vermont Alpha extends her greetings to Colorado Beta and Tennessee Alpha.

Our initiation will take place within the next month and we hope

to introduce a few new Epsilons in our next chapter letter.

Out of respect to Belyea, who died from injuries received in the Holy Cross game Norwich cancelled her football schedule for this year. In order to keep up interest in the sport, inter-class games were played, the Juniors winning the cup. The prospects are bright for a fast team next fall and it is hoped that we can have several brothers out for the team when the season begins.

We were fortunate in having Grand Secretary Phillips with us recently for a short visit.

Among the alumni who have paid us a visit recently were brothers Parker and Hoff. Brother Parker has been in the Philippine Constabulary for the past five years and was certainly glad to be back among his fraternity surroundings once more.

Vermont Alpha expects to hold a dance at West Berlin following the initiation banquet.

It is hoped that all brothers will be successful in the mid-year "exams" and secure some kind of honor for the fraternity.

We extend a standing invitation to all brothers and assure them a cordial welcome at the Chapter House.

Fraternally,

R. C. Anthony,
Chapter Historian.

VERMONT ALPHA.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE.

Meets every Friday, 7:30 P. M., in Chapter House, Auburn, Alabama.

The first half of the session 1913-14 has been a momentous one for Alabama Alpha and for Auburn. Since our last letter we have had no further additions to our chapter but we have a good list of pledges that we expect to announce next time.

Many things of interest have happened around the old college campus this fall. The most important and most absorbing of these was the development of a championship football team. This season Auburn played eight games with teams representing the strongest colleges in the South and each time she won a glorious victory. Only twice did these opposing teams score and when the season ended the following totals were recorded: Auburn 224, opponents 13.

Brother Hart represented Sigma Phi Epsilon on this team, being one of the greatest quartet of bucking full-backs the South has ever seen. This quartet ploughed through every line it faced and Brother Hart shared in its glory by making four touchdowns, one of which resulted from an eighty-yard run that began straight across the line. His record would have been better had not injuries kept him out of the game for the entire first half of the season.

Two of the games were played in Atlanta, Ga., and several of our fellows made these games the occasion of enjoyable visits to Georgia Alpha. This splendid bunch of fellows treated us royally. On the second visit they entertained members of our chapters at a delightful dance and we remain their debtors for their hospitality.

During the past two months Brothers Theo. Wood and Willie Swart have paid us visits. Brother Ebersole came down for the opening dances in October.

Recently our entire chapter was alive with pleasant anticipation. For our Grand President and Grand Secretary were to visit us. They came down on an afternoon train and left two short hours later. Their stay, though short, was pleasant and profitable. Their geniality, their forcefulness, and their spirit made a lasting impression on us. With such men to guide its affairs we cannot see other than a great future for Sigma Phi Epsilon. We hope they will come again soon.

And now in conclusion let us extend this invitation to all the brothers. Come down to see us. The weather is fine; our spirit is right.

Fraternally,

G. S. Waits.

ALABAMA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

Meets every Wednesday Evening at 8:00 P. M. in Chapter Rooms, Durham, N. C.

With pledging day just twelve days off, we are quite busy with the freshmen. We are expecting to have our share of the best material, and if the present work and spirit keeps up, there will be rejoicing on the night of December tenth. We wish every chapter success in this year's work and will try to make North Carolina Gamma stand with the best.

Thanksgiving holiday is over, and many of our friends and brothers are reporting most pleasant trips to Richmond and Norfolk. Although Trinity has a ban placed on football, yet our men show their spirit by following their State teams into Virginia to see the annual games on Thanksgiving. We are pleased to state that our two teams brought back the spoils of at least one victory. Although we did not engage in football, our basketball team took two straight games from other colleges in the State during this holiday, and we certainly hope that they have before them a most successful schedule.

With this holiday over we have turned our faces toward the tenth of December and Christmas. It would be hard to tell which of these two dates are most longed for and looked forward to. At least we can enjoy the Christmas holidays more if we are successful in the former event.

On Saturday evening, December 6th, from seven to ten, we are going to give an informal tea at the Country Club, of this city. This is the first tea served by any college organization in the new club house, and we expect it to be greatly enjoyed by all.

There have been two movements, or rather one movement and then an emotion. The former movement was to have football placed in our midst. This question was agitated from every point by both students and the press all over the United States. The same move-

ment is now being worked, but in a different manner. The student body has organized itself into a football association, which is working through the alumni and board of trustees. Though we have been positively denied, still we refuse to give up hope. The other emotion was an anti-frat article published in our college paper. This article stirred up some spirit, but from all outside appearances no harm has been done to our organizations, which hold an important position in every phase of college life.

Since our last letter we have enjoyed visits from many brothers, of whom the most frequent is Brother Lytch, of Carolina. We are looking forward to the visit of our Grand President and Grand Secretary with much pleasure.

With a hearty welcome to every brother, we remain,

Fraternally,

Pierce Johnson.

NORTH CAROLINA GAMMA.

Chapter Historian.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.

Meets every Wednesday, 7:15, in Chapter Rooms, Bridgman Block, Hanover, N. H.

The opening of the holiday season finds New Hampshire Alpha waiting expectantly and confidently the beginning of the freshman rushing season, which comes with the new semester, February 1. The chapter entertains freshmen at the quarters Saturday, December 13, and it is planning a big night. No other attention is paid to the first year men until after our mid-year examinations are over, so it behooves us to make the best of our opportunities to get a line on new men and to impress on our guests what we understand by Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit.

The football season for Dartmouth was good, and bad. After winning all games but the last, the team went down to unexpected and heart-breaking defeat before the Carlisle Indians. A reversal of form, caused in part by four long trips in four consecutive weeks, combined with the meeting of a wonderful team, blasted our seemingly good claim for the Eastern championship.

Brother Johnson attended the Penn-Dartmouth game, and the account of his entertainment at the hands of Pennsylvania Delta made us cognizant of the high rank held by Sigma Phi Epsilon at that university.

In cross country races this fall Brothers C. F. Durgin and Bacon ran for Dartmouth, Brother Durgin making his "D" for the first time, when he ran in the New England Intercollegiate.

A big Sigma Phi Epsilon dance is to be held during the Christmas holidays in Boston. A good number of the brothers who live in the vicinity are planning to attend, and are looking forward with pleasure to greet personally members of other chapters.

Brother Phillips extended us a welcome visit during the fall, and

his advice and counsel has helped us materially in plans to meet many of our current problems.

That the members of the fraternity may have the best of fortune and happiness in the New Year is the wish of all Sigma Phi Epsilons in Dartmouth.

Fraternally yours,

George D. Wheatley,
Chapter Historian.

NEW HAMPSHIRE ALPHA.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ALPHA.

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Saturday at 8:15 in the Chapter House, 1502 Vermont Avenue, Washington, D. C. Phone, North 3007.

When Mike fell down the well and Pat yelled over the side, "Mike, mon, are yez drowneded?" Mike called back, "Begorra, it's not drown-ded thot I am, but to be sure I'm spacheless." The trouble with Mike was that he didn't have any Journal editor to jog him along with a sixty-cent collect telegram as a gentle reminder not to remain spacheless. I did! So here goes.

- Since our last letter events have been falling thick and fast. As a result of good work at the fall "rushing" we initiated the following men, whom we wish to introduce to the fraternity at large:

Initiated November 8:

Belford Emmons Hunsinger, Arts, '17, Barberton, O.

Harold Leahy Brown, Law, '16, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

November 15:

Raymond James Hinton, C. E., '18, Utica, N. Y.

James Irving Burgess, Arts, '16, Washington, D. C.

Albert Austin Spear, Arts, '17, Washington, D. C.

Earl Luvern Brown, Law, '16, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Tully Charles Garner, Arts, '17, Uvalde, Texas.

Paul James Hunt, B. S., Washington, D. C.

James Stanley Payne, Arts, '17, Washington, D. C.

We can't help feeling proud of our "goats." They are already making themselves felt in student activities so naturally we are expecting big things of them. Billy Phillips was with us on the night of initiation (November 15, 1913), and seemed very enthusiastic over the way the affair was conducted, particularly in the fact that the officers had committed the whole ceremony to memory. One of the boys from Virginia University was also with us. We had expected more of them, but it seems that they were too busy consoling each other on the results of the Virginia-Georgetown game.

The older boys are all back in harness again with war paint on. The class elections were unusually keen, but we managed to pick a few plums. Brother Paul wears the toga of Sophomore Class President. Brother Krueger serves as vice-president of Junior Engineering Class, and Brother Harsch is secretary of the Association of Class Presidents.

Brothers Hunter and Harsch are on the athletic association council, and busy making up basketball and track schedules.

The "Hatchet," the old college paper, now has a rival in the shape of the "College News." As it is doubtful if the University can profitably support two papers, each is after the other's scalp. It is rumored that the "Hatchet" is being run by one fraternity. We have maintained strict neutrality in the fight, as we are represented on the staff of both—Brother Wooley being Fraternity and Debating Editor on the "News," and Brother Harsch Associate-Editor-in-Chief of the "Hatchet." It is almost a sure thing that Brother Harsch will be editor-in-chief of the "Hatchet" next year, and then, of course, there will be no doubt as to which paper will get our support.

Brothers Wooley and Barton have been instrumental in reviving the University Congress, conducted along the lines of the U. S. House of Representatives, although much quicker in dispatching business. As this is the liveliest of the three debating societies in the University, we are glad that our boys are holding practically all of the offices.

The Inter-Fraternity Association is now planning several functions, notably a smoker to be held at the University Club on January 17. This is strictly not a Carabao affair, nor has it anything to do with the "Good Ship Piffle," so if any of the brothers are in town on that night they can feel safe in coming without arousing the enmity of "W. W." D. C. Alpha was signally honored by the election of Brother Krueger to head this Inter-Fraternity Association as its president. This is ample assurance to us of its success for the coming year. The association has now organized a basketball league, and we have a team in the field, but as no games have yet been played, it is too early to predict results. Brother Paul is captain and manager of the team.

Brothers Lowe and Hunt are out again with the track team, and it is believed they have aspirations for the half and quarter mile.

As everybody knows, Washington has gone dancing mad. The latest fad, I understand, is Tango Breakfasts. D. C. Alpha fell in line early in the year with a dance at the Potomac Boat Club, and followed it in November with a house dance which, though small, was decidedly select. However, Thanksgiving Day, or more correctly, afternoon and early evening, gave us the opportunity to follow the lead of the real "Who's Who," and give a The Dansant. We didn't know what that meant at first, but everybody agreed that the affair was very "smart." Our big dance comes off at the Cairo on the night of December 29, 1913, and the committee in charge has promised several novel features. The three Brothers Clark, from Delaware Alpha, will be with us, and we now expect two of the Dartmouth boys and one from Michigan. It is needless to say that we will be more than glad to have any of the brothers our guests on that occasion. Remember the date and the place—the Cairo, December 29th.

As the Thanksgiving "Breakfast" at the Fraternity House was such a decided success, arrangements are on foot to repeat the affair on Christmas morning. I might explain that this "breakfast" in reality has all the earmarks of a dinner, with turkey trimmings, etc., but is served at 11 o'clock A. M. This was the fertile idea of the house steward, and he has accomplished the triple purpose of pleasing the

lazy boys who wanted to sleep late, satisfying those who had early afternoon engagements, and incidentally pleasing the cook, which is no easy job. We hope some of the other chapters will try this plan for holiday feasts.

In closing, D. C. Alpha sends individually and collectively to all the brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon, wherever they may be, sincerest Christmas greetings, and says to each of them in spirit the true interpretation of our pass-word in the very fulness of its meaning.

Fraternally,

Ross H. Johnson.

Chapter Historian.

DISTRICT COLUMBIA ALPHA.

KANSAS ALPHA

BAKER UNIVERSITY

Meets every Thursday at 8:00 P. M., at the Chapter House, 602 Ninth St. Baldwin, Kans.

It is indeed a great pleasure for Kansas Alpha to throw aside all thoughts of regular college activities and student routine work, and send her second greetings of the school year to all her sister chapters scattered throughout the country. Many times we are inclined to get so wrapped up in ourselves that we fail to keep in touch with the big world outside. The chapter letter provides against such a contingency, especially in keeping us in touch with the needs and happenings of our growing and enterprising fraternity.

Perhaps the most important event in our chapter since our last letter was the visit paid us by two of our Grand officers—Brother Griffin and Brother Phillips. It was the first visit for Brother Griffin, but we surely hope it may not be his last. Brother Griffin has a keen perception of the fraternity question. He understands thoroughly its proper relation to college life. If all fraternity men could catch his spirit and attitude, perhaps there would be less hostile contention against us abroad to-day. I'm sure that every one of the men of Kansas Alpha join me in saying that Brothers Griffin and Phillips left us the stronger and better for their visit.

We were glad to have at this time also a visit by Brother Smith, of Hoyt, Kansas. We hope he will henceforth be a frequent visitor. Brother Horn, '13, of Holton, and Brothers Capps and Diveley, of Lawrence, Kansas, were also recent visitors. It is needless to say that the active bunch is always glad to welcome back the men who have left our circle.

Baker has recently closed a very successful football season. Sigma Phi Epsilon can boast of an unusually large representation. Five of the fourteen B's awarded come to our men. These men were Brothers Rust, Wilson, Fast, McMillan and Armstrong. Basketball is now engaging the minds of all sport lovers. The prospects seem bright for an unusually strong team. Our schedule is exceptionally strong, and we are looking forward to a successful season. Brother Mueller, captain of the team, says he thinks we will have the fastest team in

the Kansas Conference. Brother Wilson, last year's center, is showing up in good style at his old posit'ion. Brother Mueller will continue to play one of the forwards.

Our college glee club is now touring in the southern part of the State. Brothers Waring and McMillan are making the trip with the club.

We are looking forward to rest and recuperation with the coming Christmas holiday season. We are to have practically three weeks' vacation, which fact, to be sure, causes very little lamentation.

In conclusion, Kansas Alpha sends her best wishes to all brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon for a restful vacation and a merry, happy Christmas time.

Fraternally,

KANSAS ALPHA.

David E. Urner,

Chapter Historian.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Meeting every Monday, 7:15 P. M., 1711 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, Cal.
Phone Berk. 3088.

As we started out the term, so we end it—with a spurt! We got a good start last August, but some of us lagged behind after the race was going, relying on our second wind to carry us through. We counted not in vain, and when the final lap came, we put forth all our strength finishing in good condit'ion. We have not established a record as yet, but the race we put up always lands us near the top of the list in scholarship among the fraternities. Our little reminders in the line of "Cinch" notices twice during the term always urges us on.

Our biggest event of the year, the "Big Game," was a sad disappointment to us all. California had a wonderful team showing up best against the star team from New Zealand the "All Blacks." They defeated us each time they played, but at that we made a better showing than did other teams against them. When we played our "Big Game" aga'inst Stanford on November 8th things seemed to take a turn, and Stanford won by the close score of 13 to 8. We have no chance to kick for we were outplayed, and Stanford won fairly and squarely. Howard Fleming '14 a breakaway on this year's team, was elected captain for the next year.

Another contest almost as important as the football game was the Interfraternity Base Ball Series. On September 24th we played Phi Gamma Delta. This was our third game against them; the first was a tie, the second called at the end of the 3rd inning on account of darkness when we had an eight run lead, and the third we beat them 4-3. Our next victim was Zeta Psi, on October 4. They lost to us 15-4. The team that defeated us was that representing Phi Sigma Kappa. There were only six teams left in the contest, when we played them on October 24, and if we had beat them, we surely must have won the cup. But they defeated us 2-1 in the best game played th's year. At that Brother Fancherr let them down with 2 hits and 10 strike outs. Some-

time after this they were put out of the running and the race is now between Alpha Delta Phi and Sigma Chi.

On November 7th our Fourth Annual Installation banquet was held at the Cliff House, San Francisco. It was a great success and many of our alumni were present. There was much talk of holding a conclave in San Francisco in 1915 and we were assured of the able support of every alumni. We want to get the support of everyone else for a conclave in San Francisco at the time of the Fair.

The formal dance of the year was held in October at the New Twentieth Century Club Hall. The dance was a successful one but we would have liked to have seen a few more alumni with us, to enjoy themselves.

Brother H. G. Thiele, Mining '11 and Miss Eva Gibbons '11 were married a short time ago and are now living in Los Angeles. Brother Thiele left Mexico recently on account of the trouble there.

Fraternally,

H. W. Morton.

Chapter Historian.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

NEBRASKA ALPHA

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Meets every Monday, 7:00 P. M., at Chapter House, 1319 Que Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mid-semester examinations have passed and once more we can blow out the lights burn'g the midnight oil, unwrap the cold towels from the fervid brows and find enough of interest in life to extend greetings and best wishes to all sister chapters. At present Nebraska Alpha is extending herself to raise her scholastic standing and judging by the light registration in the "delinquency college" she is succeeding unusually well. We are especially proud of our freshmen in that but one man out of eight received a "con" in any course.

Since our last letter the following men have been initiated into the fraternity:

October 13th,

Joseph Aldrich, A. S., '16, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Burke Wilverton Taylor, Law, '16, Lincoln, Nebraska.

James Herbert Keffe, M. E., '16, Jackson Nebraska.

Walter Ellsworth Hagar, A. & S., '16, Bellwood, Nebraska.

November 3rd,

Thomas Edgar Kokjer, Ag., '15, Clarks, Nebraska.

November 10th,

Oscar Theodore Peterson, M. E., '15, Beatrice, Nebraska.

November 24th,

Arthur Balis, Law, '16, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The football season just passed was one of the most successful in Nebraska's history. Every game on the schedule was won, the more important of the vanquished teams being Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas and Ames. On this championship team Nebraska Alpha had one man in

Brother Balis, who having two more years before him will according to all comments make himself a very enviable record.

In the minor school activities Nebraska Alpha is well represented and is keeping the fact in mind that it is not specialization along some one line that will make a strong chapter but a wide representation in all lines of activities that will not alone find an outlet for the talents and activities of her present members but bring her in touch with a good material that might be otherwise overlooked. Prospects for a banner year in our history are very bright and our earnest endeavors are made with this end in view.

In conclusion Nebraska Alpha sends her most sincere wishes that her sister chapters may be accomplishing those things that are worthy of and for the honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Fraternally,

Clifford B. Scott.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE

Meets every Sunday morning at 8:30 in the Chapter House, at 511 Colorado Street, Pullman Wash.

Washington Alpha is enjoying an even more successful year than was prophesied in the last letter. There is so much that could be put into this letter that it is hard to decide on what to include and what to leave out.

Brother Dietz starred at end on the varsity this fall as usual and we have two pledges that held regular places on the first team all season, one playing at quarter and the other at tackle. Although W. S. C. did not win the championship this year she gave the teams that beat her a good hard fight before the victory was theirs. The Northwestern championship went to the U. of W.

In the interclass cross-country run Wash. A. had three men in the first four places and one in the eighth, with sixteen men running. One of our pledges took first place and Brother Lewis won second, another pledge took forth and Brother W. Passmore came in eighth. In the cross-country run with the U. of Idaho our pledge winner of the interclass run came in first. Brother Lewis was in the hospital with a cut foot so was not able to run.

Brother L. Passmore won a place on the triangular debate team, a feat for which we are proud.

We have been holding up our own in social matters as well as in athletics. Each Sunday we have entertained the girls of a sorority at dinner and it has proved a great success; we have made the rounds of all the sororities now so will be able to let up for a time. We are also making some effort to entertain men from the other fraternities, believing that the various fraternities should be friends and work together. We gave our first house party on the first of November. The house was very nicely decorated with fall leaves and red berries.

Dancing, cards and fussing were the modes of entertainment and the last was not the least. Thirty-eight couples attended and we managed to make room for all by throwing open two side rooms for cards and using the side porch for a cozy-corner. The dancing floor holds about twenty couples and it was never crowded. The affair went off smoothly and all the guests declared that it was a great success. On November 29th we gave a small informal house dance for the left-overs who could not go home Thanksgiving. Certainly it made every one present forget that they were left-overs.

The inter-fraternity rifle match has started and we made a good



"PEP" ALVOBD
Wash. Alpha.

Right Tackle, Varsity Foot Ball.



"RED" DIETZ
Wash. Alpha.

Left End, Varsity Foot Ball.

beginning by winning the first shoot. We have some good shots and our chances of winning the silver cup are very good. Brother Rowe is captain of our rifle team.

Brother Warren Cochran, of Kansas Alpha, who is teaching at Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane, visited with us on November 6th and witnessed the Whitman game. Brother Cochran's visit gave us a great deal of pleasure and we found him a very pleasant guest. Brother Gardner and his father and Brother Doolittle also dropped in for the Whitman game.

Brothers Myers, Howe and Forrest have been initiated into Sigma Tau.

We have adopted a new method of keeping in touch with our Alumni. Last year we sent out circular letters to follow different given routes but most of the letters were lost before they reached the end of their routes. This year we are sending a copy of the letter to each man; on receiving the answers to this letter we will incorporate



BILLY SMITH
Washington Alpha,
Quarter Back, Varsity Foot Ball.

the answers into one letter, add our own news and send copies of this composite letter to each man. By this method we expect to keep in close contact with the Alumni members and to have the Alumni keep in close contact with each other.

At the present time we have twenty-three active members and fourteen pledges.

In closing Wash. A. wishes all sister chapters a success and pros-

perity equal to hers. We feel that Sigma Phi Epsilon is steadily and honestly working her way to the top of all Greek letter fraternities and we are sure that not a man in the fraternity would grant a single point of superiority to any other organization.

Fraternally,

Fred. W. Stone,

WASHINGTON ALPHA.

Chapter Historian.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

MASSACHUSETTS AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Meets every Monday 7:00 P. M., in Chapter Hall, North Dormitory, Amherst, Mass.

In this, the second letter, Massachusetts Alpha extends her greetings to all her sister chapters in Sigma Phi Epsilon. The rushing season has ended, and we wish to present to the Fraternity at large at this time ten excellent men:

Initiated October 6, 1913,

Thomas Lincoln Harrocks, B. S., '16, Westminster, Mass.

Initiated November 17, 1913,

David Jennings Bowen, B. S., '17, North East, Pa.

Initiated November 21, 1913:

Kenneth Charles Bevan, B. S., '17, No. Leominster, Mass.

Richard William Favor, B. S., '17, Somerville, Mass.

Leon Swift Griswold, B. S., '17, Wethersfield, Conn.

Charles Raymond Wilbur, B. S., '17, Walpole, Mass.

George Charles Everbeck, B. S., '17, Winthrop, Mass.

Kenneth Herbert Dunham, B. S., '17, No. Bennington, Vt.

Elwyn Page Cotton, B. S., '17, Woburn, Mass.

Francis Stuart Swett, B. S., '17, Southbridge, Mass.

During the recent 'varsity season, the football team made a fine showing, winning the majority of the games and scoring 96 points to its opponents 41. Our chapter was well represented on the squad by Brothers Hagar, Bowen, Cotton, Griswold and Bevan. The last four are freshmen and are sure to make the varsity next year. They played on the freshman team which had an extensive schedule. An injury to Brother Hagar kept him out of the game the latter part of the season. Brother Coley of the sophomore class is captain of the varsity cross-country team. He was the winner of the inter-class cross-country run this fall, and showed excellent form. The team recently won from Amherst college. His runners made a creditable showing in the New England Intercollegiate run held at Dartmouth college. They placed sixth against a large number of entries.

Brother E. S. Clark, Jr., 1914 was recently elected to the honorary scholastic fraternity, Phi Kappa Phi. He has maintained an extremely high standard of work throughout his course, and he richly deserves this honor.

Plans are now being laid for an informal dance to be held in Somerville, Mass., on the evening of December 22d. It is thought that a social gathering of this kind will enable members of Sigma Phi Ep-

silon living in and about Boston, to become better acquainted with one another, and thus help to increase the spirit and brotherhood of the Fraternity.

After the Massachusetts-Tufts game on November 1, practically the entire bunch from Massachusetts Alpha attended the banquet of the New England Alumni Association at the Hotel Hollis in Boston. As a social time the banquet was a great success, and we were sorry to not be able to stay to the business meeting which followed the banquet.

Brother Rogers is hard at work on the "1915 Index" of which he is the manager. They expect to get out a great book, and with such a hustler as "Skinney" behind it, it is sure to live up to expectations. Brother Wheeler was elected in the spring to the Senior Society "Karatid." He is still on the job of getting out the college weekly, and Brother Clark is still managing the business department of that periodical.

Hoping each chapter in Sigma Phi Epsilon is as successful as ours in pledging new men, and wishing all the brothers a happy New Year, and success in the mid-years, we are,

Fraternally,

Joseph S. Pike, Jr.,
Chapter Historian.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

OHIO DELTA

UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER.

Meets Monday night in Chapter House, 819 Beall Ave., Wooster, Ohio.

Ohio Delta extends the greetings of the season to all chapters. The coming year should be another year of prosperity and growth for our growing fraternity and its individual members.

We are pleased to be able to read letters from the two new chapters and want to welcome into our brotherhood these new brothers from the "Golden West" and the "Sunny South." May they continue in their enthusiasm for Sigma Phi Epsilon and their activity in college life.

Our Thanksgiving vacation has come and gone. We are hard at work again for three more weeks. The faculty is demanding higher scholarship than ever, requiring quality credits as well as quantity credits for graduation. Ohio Delta feels, however, she can meet every demand.

The foot-ball season is at an end. Although Wooster did not win the State championship, we can say that she did wonders with the inexperienced men she had. Coach Childs deserves a lot of credit. Sigma Phi Epsilon was represented on the team by Brother Richards, who has now won two letters in baseball and one in football. He was one of the fastest men on the team.

Basketball is starting out with a boom. Two series of interclass games are being held and Varsity practice has begun. Wooster has always put out first-class basketball teams and we expect her to do so this year. Four Sig Eps are on the squad.

In the other college activities we have by no means been inactive. Brother McCann is helping Wooster win in debate this year.

Brother Johnson is editing the Voice, the college weekly and Brother Twinem is editing the Index, the college annual. Brother Weir is athletic editor of the Voice and an associate editor of the Index.

Brothers Lamb and St. Clair succeeded in making the Glee Club. St. Clair is on the college quartette.

Brothers Johnson, Twinem, and McCann are now members of co-ed literary clubs with limited memberships.

Brother Weir was elected basketball manager of the Junior class and Brother St. Clair of the Senior class.

In the college election Brother Johnson was elected president of the Junior class, McCann a member of the Student Senate, and St. Clair treasurer of the Athletic Association.

There is one thing we regret very much as we write this letter, that we cannot announce a long list of initiates, as many other chapters will. However it cannot be helped as the trustees have strictly forbidden initiation of more men at Wooster.

We wish an abundance of good times and a large measure of success for the new year to our sister chapters.

Fraternally,

P. D. Twinem.

Chapter Historian.

OHIO DELTA.

NEW YORK BETA.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Meets every Sunday night at 6:45 P. M., at the Lodge, No. 112 Edgemoor, Lane, Ithaca, New York.

The football season is now over, and, from our point of view, what promised in early season, to be another disastrous year, wound up with our glorious victory over Pennsylvania, which game is our big one of the season and this year's victory, the first in twelve long years. Incidentally, Brother Mehaffey played in all the Varsity games of the season but two. We want to thank our brothers at Penn. Delta for their splendid hospitality and welcome tendered us while there. It is just such a welcome as this that helps us to realize what Fraternalism, in the larger sense, means to us, and we trust to be able to reciprocate next Thanksgiving Day, when the game is played up here.

On November 17th, the date of the Michigan game, we held our annual Alumni house party, which was attended by Brothers "Bert" Luce, "Dick" Geis, "Curis" Caldwell, "Dub" Vogt, "Bill" Gridley, and "Heine" Lyon. Brothers Luce and Geis are practicing law in Brooklyn, and Brother Kelly, who was up for the Pittsburg game, in Scranton, Pa. Brother Gridley is in Wilkes-Barre, helping make an efficient railroad out of the D. L. & W.—We only wish he were on the Ithaca division. Brother Caldwell has opened an office in Far Rockaway as an electrical engineer. Brother Vogt travels over the country installing refrigerator plants, however, we found that his college and fraternal

spirit suffered no cooling effects. Brother Lyon, who played right end on the Michigan team, and Brother Honey also spent the week-end with us. Among other visitors, were Brothers Feliatrant, Coons, Roope and Moore, of N. Y. A.

Every year we have several formal dances which are always thoroughly enjoyed, and which help us to forget our troublesome college duties. The last of these was held shortly after the Thanksgiving recess, and was considered as particularly important as a preparation for the Junior week house party at the end of the term.

Another of our old customs is our annual Christmas tree celebration, held just before we left for Christmas vacation. At this time we have a banquet at the lodge, and every member of the house receives a Christmas present with an appropriate rhyme. It has always proven a very enjoyable affair and one always looked forward to.

Brother Mehaffey, as mentioned before, played in most of the games this fall and was awarded his "C" in football, and last year was given his CAA in track. Brother Baugher is on the basketball squad, and we have every reason to believe he will make good. He is also on the Varsity swimming team. Brothers Wagner and Taylor have made good in cross country this fall. Brother Dippold, commonly known as the busiest man in Ithaca, is manager of Lacross and business manager of the "Cornell Era." Brother Hertel made Pyramid, an honorary civil engineering society. Brothers Mosher and Smith keep busy in their respective competitions for managerships, and brother Gaertner in a minor sports competition.

In closing, New York Beta wishes all its sister chapters a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and much success in coping with those necessary evils, the final examinations.

Faternally,

A. B. Meyer,
Chapter Historian.

NEW YORK BETA.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Meets every Friday, 8:00 P. M., in room C, Caswell Hall,
Providence, R. I.

It is with pleasure that we note the enthusiasm of the Fraternity at large at the beginning of the college year. May the success of each chapter, as the year progresses, be such as to merit a continuance of this enthusiastic spirit.

We are pleased to introduce to our sister chapters the following initiates of November 4, 1913:

Albert Edward Beachen, M. E., '14, Pawtucket, R. I.
Vincent Washburn Leonard, E. E., '16, Fairhaven, Mass
Charles Bird Keach, Ph. B., '17, Providence, R. I.
John Greene Rice, Ph. B., '17, Pawtucket, R. I.

We are delighted to inform our sister chapters that our chapter attained the highest grade of scholarship for the college year of 1912-13 among the twenty fraternities at Brown. This was a most remarkable achievement, the greatest that has been ours since our addition to Sigma Phi Epsilon. We are working hard to repeat our record this year.

Brother Foote has recently been awarded the much prized Francis Wayland scholarship for excellent work in college studies, on the basis of his Junior year rank. Brother Sprague is contesting in the Public Discussion of the Class of 1880 prizes. Brother Pearce has just been elected to the *Liberis Brunensis* editorial staff. The *Liberis* is the year book at Brown, giving a history of the life and activities of Brown during the year.

In other intellectual lines, Brothers Perrin and Woolley are serving in the Civil Engineering Department as assistants, while Brother Hodges is serving in a similar capacity in the Mechanical Engineering Department. Brother Foote is an assistant in the Chemical Laboratory. All these men are Seniors. It is, perhaps, significant that we have so many men serving in these departments, since only a few undergraduates are chosen to fill such positions of honor and trust.

In athletics, Brothers Hodges and Keach expect to be awarded numerals in a few days for their work on the Brown second football team. Brother Beachen has recently been chosen captain of the wrestling team. Brother Wooley has been elected Secretary-Treasurer of the chess team. During the Christmas recess, the team will visit New York, and play some of the leading college teams of the State. Pledged-member Barnett showed especially good form in the fall baseball practice, and will possibly gain a berth on the Varsity baseball squad next spring. He is also a member of the Brown Glee Club.

A few weeks after the opening of college, we were visited in our new quarters in Caswell Hall by a delegation of the New England Alumni, headed by President Hoyt of the Boston chapter. Refreshments and songs helped to make a very enjoyable evening, during which the welfare of Sigma Phi Epsilon was discussed. We were glad to hear the plans of the New England Alumni.

The annual initiation banquet of the Rhode Island Alpha was held at the Crown Hotel, Providence, November 26th. A bountiful repast was speedily disposed of, and speeches by Brothers. Mason, Sprague, Steel, Leonard, and pledged-member Haegstrom, stirred those fortunate enough to be present. The new men were given their first real introduction to Sigma Phi Epsilon spirit, and were shown just what our fraternity and our chapter give to and demand of our brothers.

With best wishes to our sister chapters, especially to those who are new among us, we are,

Faternally,

Ralph B. Low,
Chapter Historian.

RHODE ISLAND ALPHA.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

Meets every Tuesday at 7 P. M., in the Chapter House, at 1335 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Looking back over our first half semester's work, we find that we have made a creditable record. We have been very successful with our



"DUTCH" LYONS
Mich. Alpha.
Varsity Right End.



CAPT. MAULBETSCH
Mich. Alpha.
All Freshman. Full Back

rushing, a number of men being pledged and at our second initiation we added the following men to our membership:

Donald B. Darling, Lit., '17, Ann Arbor, Mich.
John F. Maubletsch, Lit., '17, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Oliver Wendell Holmes, Lit., '14, Bronson, Mich.

Charles Edmund Sullivan, Eng., '14, Detroit, Mich.
Lyndall Edward Hughes, Eng., '16, Philadelphia.
Robert Kennard Brown, Lit., '16, Glenshaw, Pa.
George Walsh Christiansen, Eng., '17, Amherstburg, Canada.
LeRoy Alexander McCall, Lit., '17, Goldfield, Nev.
Robt. Russell Baker, Eng., '17, Williamsport, Pa.

Next year a new ruling of the university goes into effect prohibiting the rushing and pledging of freshmen. Freshmen are not to be entertained in any manner by fraternities. This almost necessitates our having a membership large enough this year to fill the house with returning members alone next fall. This rule handicaps fraternities considerably, but by working hard we should be able to overcome the difficulty without much trouble. Among our pledges Brush and Baker are both "Vulcans." Brush is also a "Triangle," Struckmann has had two years at Cornell, and while there, was a member of the Law fraternity, which was last year reorganized into our New York Beta Chapter.

We are proud of our record in athletics this fall. It was "Dutch" Lyon's first year as Varsity end but he played in every game and performed like a veteran. His defensive work was always excellent, and his catching of forward passes featured many games. It was the perfect reception of these long passes that made most of the touchdowns possible in the Cornell and Penn. games. He is not only a spectacular, but also a consistent player, and some critics have already paid him the honor of placing him on All Western teams. This is a very exceptional occurrence for a first year Varsity man, and leads us to expect much of him during his next two years on the team.

We also have another star who is deserving of more than we can possibly say for him. This is Captain Maulbetsch of the All-Fresh Football team. This year's All-Fresh team is put down as one of the two best in the history of Michigan football, and on this team "Mauly" was the biggest individual star, and collected all the prizes offered for that distinction. This team scored 255 joints against their opponents' 7, and of these "Mauly" himself scored over half. He carried over twenty-four of the thirty-six touchdowns made. We consider Coach Yost an authority and he says, "There never was a Michigan team that "Mauly" couldn't play fullback on." This statement is the logical inference that anyone would draw after watching "Mauly" advance the ball against Varsity regularly for consistent gains. We have good reason to believe that you will say we are justified in our enthusiasm over him if you watch next year's football dope.

Kohr, a pledge, was also a member of the freshman squad. He was a substitute end and got in all the games played at home. Two pledges, Brush and Baker are Captain and Manager respectively of their class basketball team, which has been Campus Champion for three years.

"Dutch" Lyons has been elected to the Griffins, an inter-department honorary society.

At the last meeting of the Pennsylvania State Student's Club, Brother Cunningham was elected president for the ensuing year.

During the week-end of the Penn. game we held an open house for our alumni; their friends, our friends, and visiting brothers from other chapters. About thirty visitors were entertained in all, and

among them were brothers Burnside, formerly of West Virginia Beta; Ducey, of Ohio Delta; and Given, of Pennsylvania Delta.

A Halloween informal party was held at the house, and attended by twenty-two couples. We are fortunate in having a part of the down stairs portion of our house especially well arranged for dancing. Such parties are always very enjoyable and well attended. Our next one comes on December 5th.

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas we are,

Faternally,

Leon D. Metzger,
Chapter Historian.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

IOWA ALPHA

IOWA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 P. M. at the Chapter House,
Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.



WM. G. BREITENSTEIN

Iowa Alpha,

Foot Ball '12 '13. "Wesleyan News."

Our second letter to our Brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon finds Iowa Alpha in the midst of strenuous preparations for the Christmas holidays, and she wishes to send all her sister chapters the heartiest of

Christmas greetings and good wishes. The first few months of this year have been very pleasant and eventful for the Chapter.

On the evening of December 5th we held our first initiation of the year and we wish to introduce at this time the following men:

Brother Jay L. Hunter, Arts, '16, Danville, Iowa.

Brother Percy H. Caris, Arts, '15., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Brother Churley Bloomquist, Arts, '16, Keosauqua, Iowa.

These men have already proved their strength. Caris made his letter last year in baseball, Bloomquist lead the freshman debating team and Hunter this year made a remarkable showing in football for a new man. We are expecting great things of these initiates and believe they will continue to keep the banner of Sigma Phi Epsilon nailed high.

Iowa Wesleyan has just closed a very successful football season. The team this year was lead by Brother Harlan Stone. He played full-back and although this was h's first season in the backfield, he won for himself the reputation of being the best defensive back Wesleyan has ever developed. Grant, Wahl and Breitenstein all won their letters this year. Breitenstein did not return to school in time to get in the early games but was a regular as soon as he struck the squad.

Coach Beal has issued a summons for basketball volunteers and many new men are out for positions. Brothers Hagie and Wahl are old regulars and should represent Iowa Alpha very ably on the basketball floor this winter.

On November 29th the local Oratorical was held preliminary to the State Contest later in the year. First honors was won by Brother Stanley Newell, while third place was awarded to Brother Albert Neutzman. Newell's victory marks the fifth consecutive local Oratorical won by Sigma Phi Epsilon. This is a record of which we are justly proud.

Daniel Boone Heller, '13, is setting a movement on foot for the formation of an Alumni Chapter of Iowa Alpha. He reports that a constitution has been adopted and a temporary organization formed. Together with this organization the Alumni are also working on a plan for a permanent building fund. The Active Chapter is much pleased with the efforts set forward in their behalf and realizes that an Alumni Chapter will be of untold benefit to them.

Socially Iowa Alpha has been quite active this year. A rather unique affair was staged by the pledges on the eve of Hallowe'en. It was in the form of a mask party, and was one of the most successful social affairs of the season. The greater part of the evening's festivities took place in the attic of the chapter house. The beautiful mask costumes, the tasteful decorations of autumn and the gay fraternal spirit which prevailed all combined to make it an occasion long to be remembered.

The time is now drawing close when we shall have the pleasure of welcoming our Grand President into our midst. We are looking forward to his coming very much and we hope we can make his short stay very pleasant.

We wish to thank the various chapters that have been so kind as to remember us with the banners of their schools. We shall be delighted to return these courtesies as fast as we can.

Wishing our sister chapters success and hoping to have the pleasure of a visit from their representatives some time during the year, we beg to remain,

Fraternally,

Stanley Newell,
Chapter Historian.

IOWA ALPHA.

COLORADO BETA UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Chapter House,
2180 So. Josephine St., Denver Colorado.

Colorado Beta sends the heartiest of the season's greetings to all sister chapters of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

We have just finished our first fall rushing season as a chapter of a national fraternity and are pleased to announce the following initiates:

James E. Huchingson, Com., '14, Denver, Colo.
Harry Gross Gahagen, Lit., Arts, '17, Denver, Colo.
Marion Bush Smith, Lit., Arts, '17, Denver, Colo.
E. Laird Weinberg, Lit., Arts, '17, Omaha, Nebr.
Lawrence D. Higgins, Lit., Arts, '17, Denver, Colo.
E. Orren Preston, Lit., Arts, '17, Loveland, Colo.
Glen Arthur Bingham, Lit., Arts, '17, Loveland, Colo.
Ralph C. Rominger, Lit., Arts, '16, Denver, Colo.
William F. Erwin, Commerce, '14, Denver, Colo.

While the past season has been rather disastrous for the Denver University football team, Colorado Beta has every reason to be proud of the men who represented her. Brother Bingham was conceded to be the best tackle in the Rocky-Mountain Region, and undoubtedly would have been elected captain had he been an older man on the squad. Brothers Robinson and Miller did their share of the groundgaining at right half and quarter respectively.

Brother Rominger, one of our last initiates, will probably be our only man on the basketball team, unless Brothers Robinson and Bingham find time to go out, after the holidays.

A Colorado Alumni Association of Sigma Phi Epsilon was formed during November, with F. C. Knauss, of Colorado Alpha, President; G. L. Koonsman, of Colorado Beta, Vice-President, and L. W. Bowen, of Colorado Beta, Secretary-Treasurer. On November 21, the Alumni gave a banquet for the active men of Sigma Phi Epsilon in Colorado. About fifty men were present and many plans for the ensuing year were discussed.

Since the last chapter letter, we have given a weinie roast, a house party, a Hallowe'en party, and a card party, and are planning both skating and sleighing parties for this month.

Denver, the gateway to the West. Forty-five minutes from Denver is University Park. In the center of the Park stands the chapter house of Colorado Beta of Sigma Phi Epsilon where the latch key is always out, that all brothers may enter and be at home.

Our New Year's resolution, "We will strive to uphold the honor of Sigma Phi Epsilon, that we may be counted the first fraternity at Denver University in 1914, as we have been in the year which has passed." Fraternally,

Earl B. Miller,
Chapter Historian.

COLORADO BETA.

TENNESSEE ALPHA.

Meets every Monday at 7 P. M., at Chapter House, 921 Temple Avenue, Knoxville, Tenn.

Greetings! Again we come to tell something of the life of Tennessee Alpha chapter.

Our rushing season is practically over, and we have come out on



D. A. DAWSON
'16 Tenn. Alpha,
Left-Half on Varsity Foot Ball.



J. C. THOMPSON
Tenn. Alpha,
Editor-in-Chief, "Volunteer."

top with nine men pledged. Two of these were on the football squad, although neither made a "T" this year. Two of these are promising for basketball and two for baseball. One of these new men is to represent us on the Glee Club.

Brother Thomason has been appointed editor-in-chief of our annual, "The Volunteer," and Brother Haid will be the associate editor. Brother Thackston is on the staff of the U. of T. Farmer.

We practically control the Campus Volunteer German Club. Bro. Haid is president and Bro. Rhinehart is one of the governing board. They have given two dances this fall—on October 17th and on Novem-



R. F. THOMASON
Tenn. Alpha,
Left-Half on Varsity Foot Ball.
Pres Sophomore Class.



M. YOWELL '17
Tenn. Alpha,
Sub-Lineman on Varsity Foot Ball.

ber 27th. Besides this, we had our fall banquet on November 1st for a kind of get-together occasion. Bro. Carr, of Georgia Alpha Chapter, was a visitor at the banquet.

Our two men, Bros. Thomason and Dawson, the two half-backs of the 'Varsity, were awarded their T's a few days ago. We have three men out for practice for basketball.

Bro. Fred Thomason has been elected class president for the Sophomore Class.

We have greatly enjoyed a visit from our Grand President, Bro. Griffin. It was our first chance of seeing Bro. Griffin, and we are glad to get acquainted with him.

Two weeks from now we get out for Xmas holidays. We wish all members of Sigma Phi Epsilon a merry Xmas, and especially to each chapter, a prosperous New Year.

W. T. Evans,

TENNESSEE ALPHA CHAPTER.

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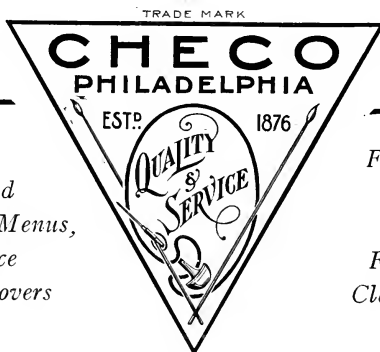
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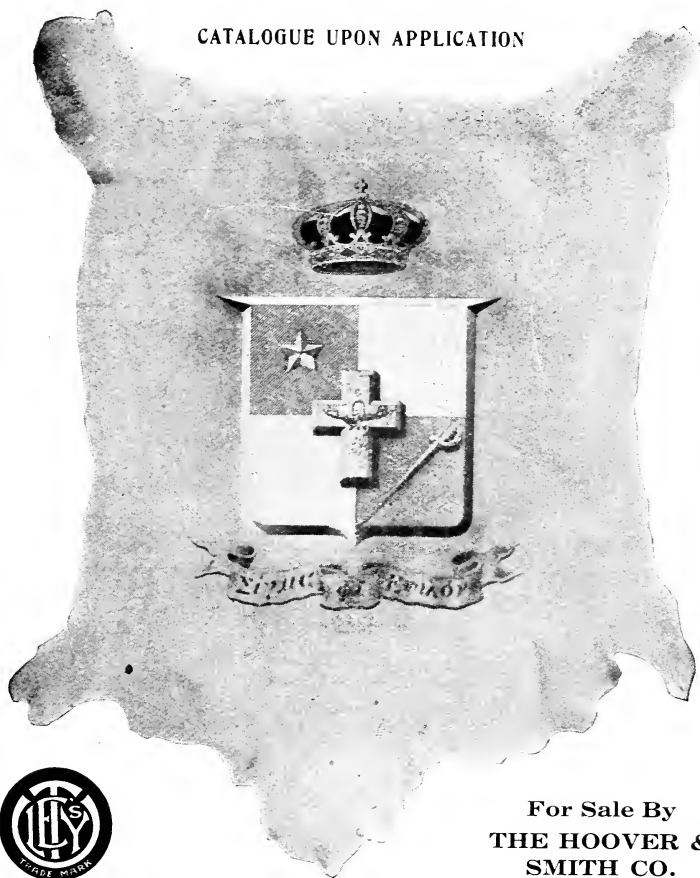
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